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Gorbachov takes charge as homeless millions freeze in the streets

Aid pours in as the world helps Russia

By Andrew McEwen and Our Foreign Staff

President Gorbachov took charge of relief efforts for Armenia yesterday as one of the biggest peacetime disasters in Soviet history brought a unified world to Russia's doorstep, offering sympathy and aid.

Moved by the growing certainty that up to 100,000 people may have lost their lives, Britain and countless other countries responded even more generously than might have been expected.

Mr Gorbachov set to work in Moscow soon after stepping from his aircraft following the 12-hour flight from New York.

About 2.5 million are believed to have been left homeless by Wednesday's earthquake. They themselves were under threat as overnight temperatures in the region plunged to minus 20C, making the need for aid even greater.

The British Government, which has never before given aid to the Soviet Union, gave an an immediate £5 million, the largest sum Britain has ever contributed as an initial response to a natural disaster, according to Whitehall sources.

In addition, the promised four-man team of London fire officers, equiped with £90,000 worth of thermal imaging equipment to locate survivors trapped under rubble, left yesterday.

Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, pledged more help once a clearer picture emerges of the longer-term needs of the Armenians and more details of the scale of the disaster are known.

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The Soviet Embassy opened its doors to offers of help and London's Moscow Narodny Bank was overwhelmed with donations. They included a cheque for $200,000 and an offer from an unemployed man to go out to Armenia.

Mr Ray King, deputy general manager of the Moscow Narodny Bank, said people had started phoning the bank at 6 am with offers of help. There were more than 100 calls between 6 am and 8am.

An Embassy official said: "The response is overwhelming. We consider it to be a real gesture of goodwill across such a vast distance.

"It really reflects that we are *united in grief.*"

A British Red Cross plane carrying vital equipment was leaving Gatwick airport at 2am today bound for Yerevan, the Armenian capital.

Mr Patten predicted it will be the first of many such flights with no trouble expected in flying aircraft freely to and from the Soviet Union.

Yesterday, the Soviet Red Cross appealed to the American Red Cross for emergency shipments of antibiotics and other medical supplies. A spokeswoman said that the organization hoped to move the first batch of supplies from the US over the weekend. She said at least one American air cargo company had offered to fly supplies into Armenia.

A television appeal by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister for donations on Thursday evening stimulated an immense response from all over the Soviet Union. The problem which the notoriously slow banking system faces is how to transfer these funds into aid for the victims.

Teams of doctors from Georgia and Moscow carrying supplies of blood and medicine have been working rouund the clock to treat survivors.

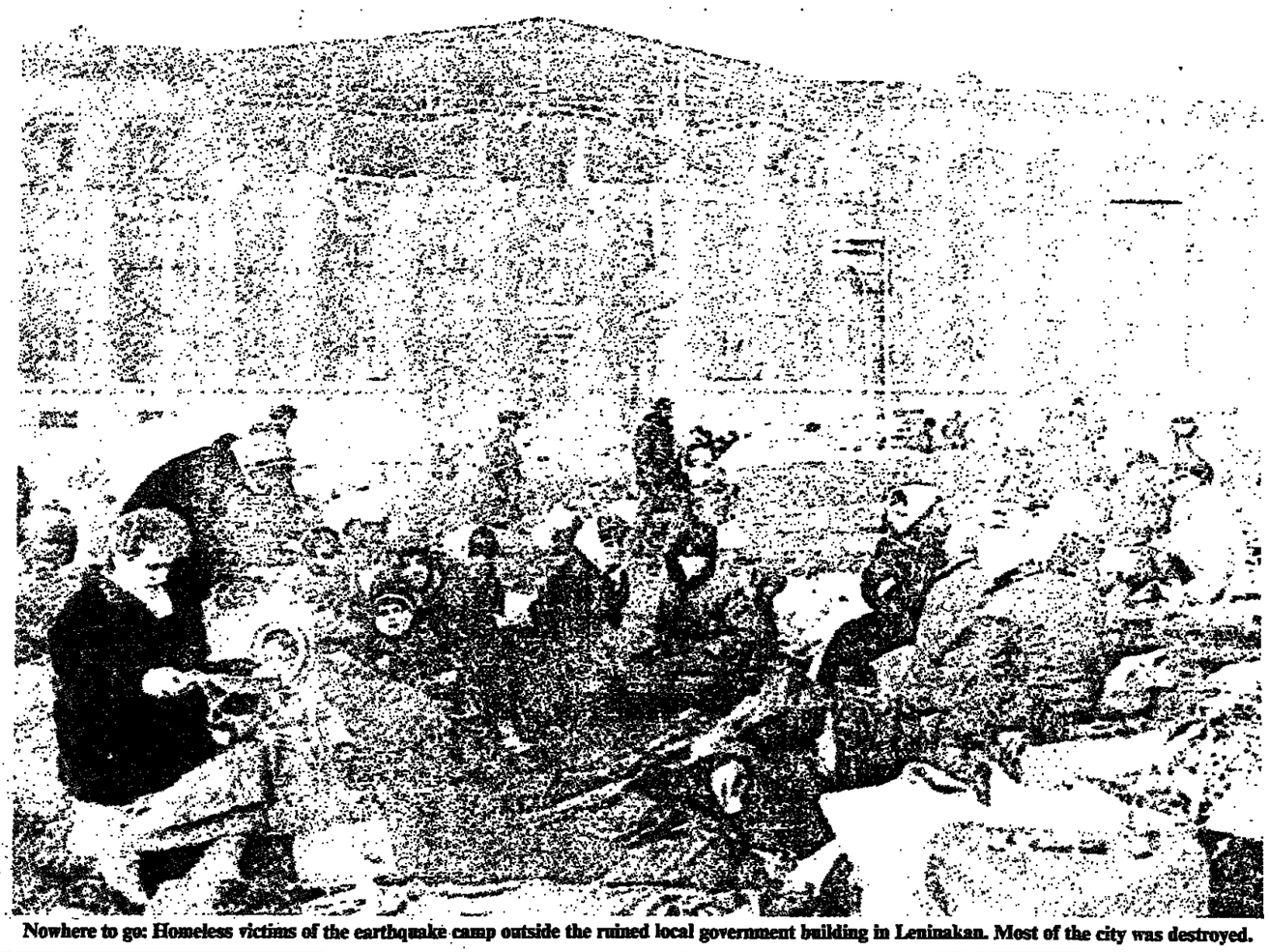
Injured Armenians have been pouring over the borders into neighbouring Georgia and Azerbaijan, the long-standing ethnic conflict between Christian Armenia and Muslim Azerbaijan suspended in face of the tragedy.

"This awful event has liquidated hostility between the two republics," said Mr Nikolai Kurnakov, a news announcer at Radio Moscow. "They know that unless they behave well towards each other, many more lives will be lost."

That view was partly contradicted when rioters took advantage of the withdrawal of troops to help in the rescue to set fire to nine Armenian houses in the capital, Baku. The incident, reported by the Armenpress news agency, followed 10 months of inter-communal strife in which many Christian Armenians living in Muslim Azerbaijan have been harrassed. Thirty one have been killed in the last two weeks in the two republics.

The news agency said the earthquake had devastated two cities and wiped out an entire town. Three-quarters of Armenia's second largest city, Leninakan, is in ruins. Damage to Leninakan airport was yesterday continuing to hold up rescue operations with many cargo planes unable to land. Army rescue teams reported that their work had been hampered by lack of gas,water and electricity.

"In the region of Spitak, which had a population of 55,000, there was almost no one left alive," a spokesman of the Armenian agency said.



Nowhere to go: Homeless victims of the earthquake camp outside the ruined local government building in Leninakan. Most of the city was destroyed.

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The Department of Trade and Industry may use special powers to avoid having to disclose the contents of an official report into the takeover of House of Fraser by the Fayed brothers.

Mr Tiny Rowland, chairman of Lonrho, will seek a judicial review on January 12 to force publication.

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Israelis in 7-hour battle near Beirut

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Naameh, Lebanon

Israeli commandos using heavy air and naval support yesterday fought a fierce seven-hour battle with Palestinian and Lebanese guerrillas deep behind Syrian army lines in the hills overlooking Beirut.

The commandos later staged a spectacular rescue operation to save four trapped infantrymen.

One Israeli officer and at least six guerrillas were killed in close-quarters combat while Israeli jet fighters fired barrages of rockets and dropped tonnes of bombs. The attack was Israel's biggest operation near Beirut in six years and coincided with the first anniversary of the Palestinian rebellion in the Occupied Territories.

Although the raid evidently sought to destroy as many guerrilla bases as possible, it concentrated on outposts and offices of the general command of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Syrian-backed guerrilla faction whose daring hang-glider attack on a military base in northern Israel in November 1987 is regarded in Israel as the spark that ignited the *intifada*.

The Palestinians, their allies of the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party Militia, and the Syrian army units stationed nearby were evidently caught by surprise. At least 50 Israeli airborne commandos landed before daybreak on the beach at Naameh and headed up to the hills to the east without apparently encountering serious resistance.

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According to witnesses, it was only after they started raiding Popular Front guerrilla bases a few miles from the shore that other Palestinian factions and the PSP mobilized their forces accross the hills under heavy air and naval fire.

Shells and rockets poured in and around the villages of Aramoun, Shemlan, Abay, Baawarta, and Naameh, sending thousands of civilians fleeing in panic towards the coastal road.

The fiercest battle took place at a small plateau just behind an abandoned top Catholic monastery which the Israelis were using as an evacuation point. While high-flying Israeli jets provided cover and dropped a screen of scarlet balloons to deflect Sam-7 anti-aircraft missiles, other aircraft rocketed and strafed roads and hills to thwart a guerrilla assault.

At the height of the battle, jubilant Palestinian guerrillas told reporters they had killed several Israeli soldiers and had captured eight prisoners. "We have them, but we cannot show them to you," said a guerrilla returning from *the front lines.* "Maybe they are already in Damascus."

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Chairman of Next sacked in 'coup'

By David Brewerton

Mr George Davies, the £600,000-a-year head of the Next retail group, has been sacked in a boardroom coup because he was "too autocratic."

Mr Davies' wife Liz has also lost her job as product director of the high street chain which Mr Davies built from the Hepworths men's tailoring group.

Compensation will be decided by lawyers, but he had a three-year renewable contract and itcould reach £1.5 million.

Mr Davies, chairman and chief executive, was told by other directors that he ran Next "as if it was his own company." When he would not compromise and delegate to other directors, the matter was put to a vote which went unanimously against him.

The company described the split as a fundamental disagreement concerning management policy of the group. Speaking from his London home, Mr Davies said only: "I am sorry, I have no comment to make."

Mr Davies' place as chief executive has been taken by Mr David Jones, his deputy, who was brought into Next when it acquired Grattan, the mail order group where he was chief executive.

Next was created in 1981 as a women's wear chain, and spread into men's wear, home furnishings and mail order. Earlier this year, the Next Directory was launched, but the postal strike hit the development of the mail order operation.

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Kinnock scorns Scots independence calls

By Kerry Gill

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, yesterday caused further dismay among his Scottish party followers by effectively dismissing calls for Scottish independence in the wake of the Glasgow Govan by-election defeat.

In his first visit to Scotland since Mr Jim Sillars, of the Scottish National Party, overturned a 19,500 Labour majority to take the seat last month, Mr Kinnock described opinion polls showing a rise in nationalist feeling as "a talking point among the chattering classes".

He also said that opinion polls showing a big shift in Scottish public opinion in

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Hens destroyed as egg sales slump

By Kerry Gill
and Andrew Moger

Egg sales have slumped by about 40 per cent in Scotland and the trade believes even further falls will means millions of hens being slaughtered to reduce losses.

Mr Hugh Brown, president of the Scottish Egg Trade Association, said: "The effects of Mrs Edwina Currie's speech have been absolutely horrendous. Sales are getting worse by the day".

Normally, about three million eggs are eaten each day in Scotland, but the scare has put off many housewives. This weekend, producers will be considering whether to slaughter some of their hen stocks, Mr Brown said.

But with all producers facing the same dilemma – only confidence in free-range seems to be strong – poultry processing factories are being inundated with calls at a time of peak business just before Christmas. Mr Brown said he knew of just five outbreaks of salmonella in recent months, but four came from free-range producers who made up just 2 per cent of the total industry.

"There is as much chance of being crushed in the queue for Edwina Currie's autograph at the egg producers' ball as there is of catching salmonella," he said.

"It is really quite ludicrous," Mr Brown said. "We have pleaded with the Government to give us details of when the outbreaks have occured, but we are still waiting."

He said it was equally foolish for the Government to issue a code of practice – if the epidemic really existed, then it should be mandatory."

In England, producers have already decided to clear some of their flocks with at least two sending 150,000 each to be slaughtered in the coming week.

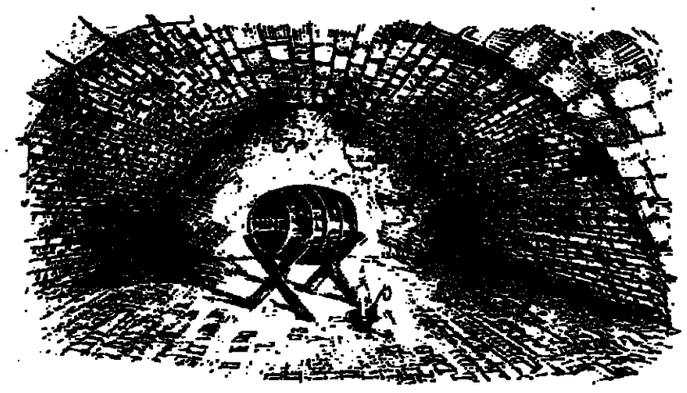
Mr Dennis Warren, chairman of the UK Egg Producers' Association, said: "Our industruy is fighting for survival."

He said the blame for the "worst disaster ever to hit the farming industry" could be traced back to a departmental policy clash between the Department of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Mr Danny Holden, production manager of Thames Valley Eggs, which contracts out egg production, said sales had slumped to a 35 per cent reduction.

Advance orders were showing signs of picking up, but the improvement would not come quick enough for thousands of birds being slaughtered for chicken meat fillings rather than retained for egg-laying.

Mr John Curwin, a producer, said: "I think that it is inevitable that some of us will go out of business, which is a dreadful shame. Unless something dramatic happens to the market then large numbers of farmers will have to do something drastic in cutting their costs. You cannot go on producing eggs for no reason."

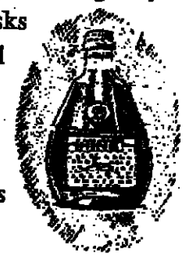


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Biggest union votes to join government job training scheme

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The general executive of Britain's biggest trade union, the Transport and General Workers' Union, yesterday voted to participate in the Government's Employment Training scheme only three months after leading opposition to the Government's Employment Training programme.

Mr Ron Todd, the union's general secretary, who was instrumental in securing a decision at the TUC conference last September to boycott Employment Training, said the White Paper on training shifted the responsibility from the Government to the employer.

The move represents a significant change in the union's attitude to government training. Mr Todd persuaded his executive that the employer-led Enterprise Training Councils (TECs) would differ from the old training structure, which his union had opposed.

"The TECs are completely different from the area manpower boards which we were forced to resign from because of the Government's decision to end the tripartite nature of the boards", Mr Todd said. However, he said his union would "discriminate" in favour of employers offering new training proposals and against those who tried to rerun the "discredited Employment Training Programme".

The way is now open for transport union officials to accept invitations from employers to sit on the first 12 to 20 councils, to be established next year.

Eighty more are expected within three years. The union's new training policy could meet problems if all the councils are required to run some form of employment training or if employers do not offer invitations to TGWU officials.

A shift in the union's response to government policy was further underlined by the executive's decision to apply for government funding for postal ballots. Mr Todd, who had opposed state funding, said that since the ballots were imposed on all unions they had "to take advantage of the use of public funds".

The union's decision could prove expensive for the Government. The cost of a union ballot is about £300,000. Both Mr Bill Morris, TGWU deputy general secretary, and Mr Eddie Haigh, assistant general secretary, are up for re-election next year.

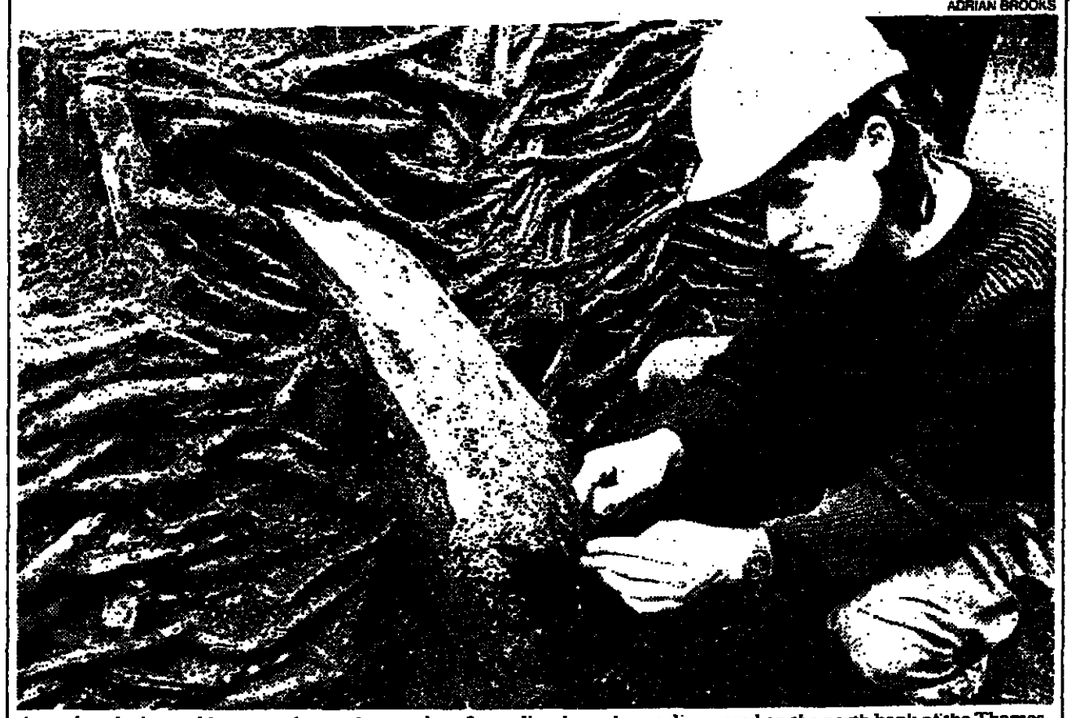
The executive will propose the new policy on accepting state funding for secret ballots at its biennial delegate conference next year. Mr Todd also announced that the union is to establish three regional race equality committees in the new year.

They will run as pilot schemes in the union's three largest regions, London, the Midlands and the North-west, and will advise officials on recruitment, policy and collective bargaining. All other unions are now expected to ask for public funding of secret ballots which could cost the Government more than £5 million a year.

● The transport union's membership fell by a further 8000 members during the last three months to 1,323,005. The fall is smaller than in previous quarters, Mr Todd says, becausr of a successful recruiting campaign.

Race to record medieval site

ADRIAN BROOKS



An archaeologist working yesterday on the remains of a medieval warehouse discovered on the north bank of the Thames.

The remains of the earliest medieval warehouse building to have been discovered in London will be destroyed to make way for a car park, archaeologists from the Museum of London said yesterday (Emma Wilkins writes).

A team of 15 professional archaeologists were yesterday recording the site near Southwark bridge, on the north bank of the Thames, before construction starts at the end of January. The warehouse, dating from the tenth or eleventh century, was probably built by French wine merchants, who used unusual construction techniques. The foundations consist of split beech logs, laid side by side, covered with a packing of chalk and gravel, over which huge oak logs were placed to form the floor.

The beech logs may have been used to stabilize the warehouse, which is built on subsiding land reclaimed from the Thames. The water has helped to preserve the timbers, but they are now so saturated that it would be impossible to move them without treating them first.

Mr Gustav Milne, the site co-ordinator, said: "The warehouse marks the beginning of specialization and the rise of the middleman. It shows the beginning of that great change which led towards the rise of foreign merchants and wholesale trading."

Plea to cut sureties in Clowes case fails

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

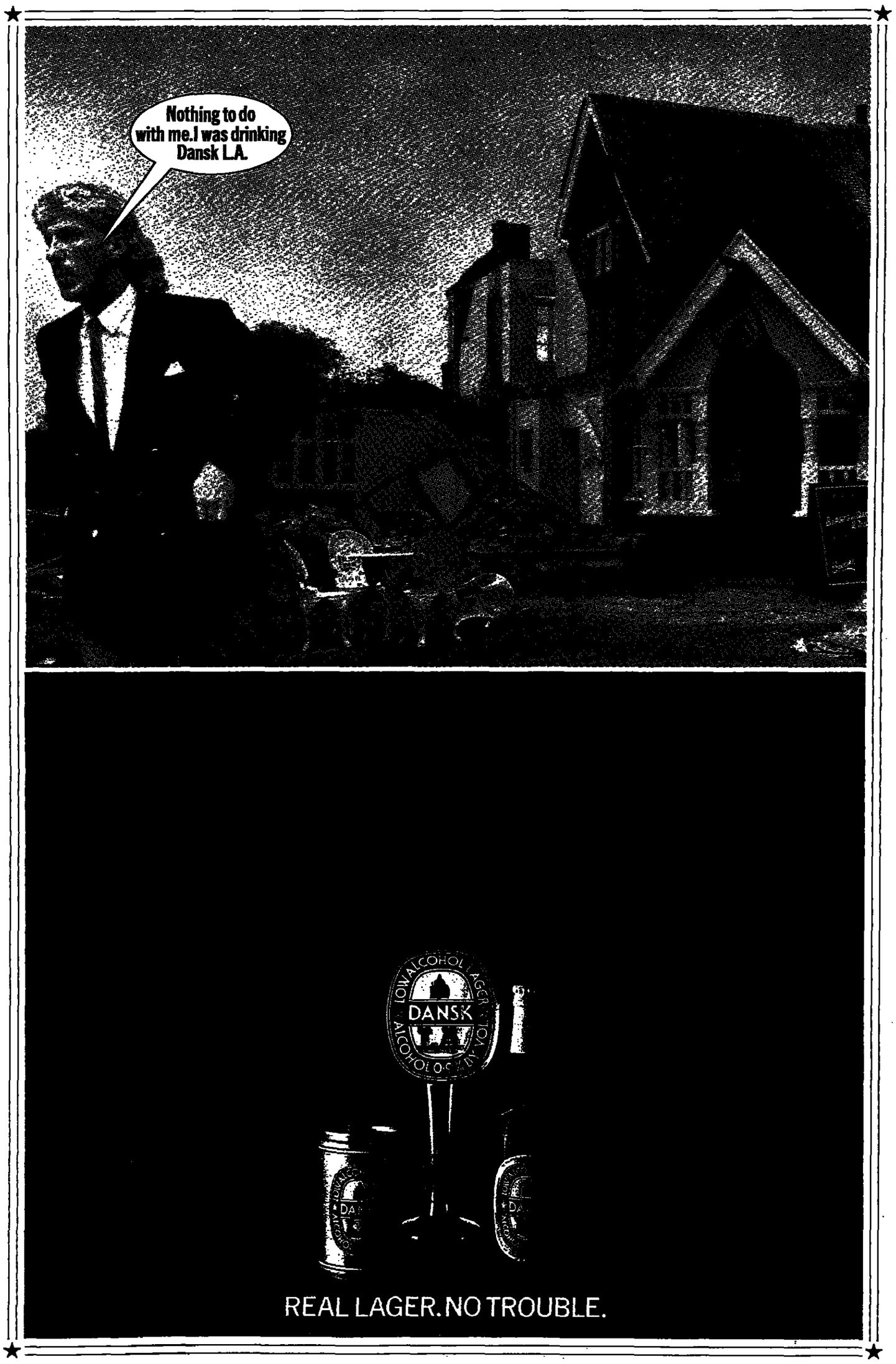
Lawyers for Guy Cramer, one of the four businessmen facing criminal charges after the collapse of Barlow Clowes, yesterday failed to reduce sureties for his bail and free their client.

Last night Mr Cramer, aged 27, from Micklethwaite, West Yorkshire, and a former chief executive of James Ferguson Holdings, the Barlow Clowes parent company, was still in jail as efforts were made to find the necessary £105,000 in sureties needed to release him.

On Thursday City magistrates gave Mr Cramer bail until next June. He was accused jointly with Peter Clowes, head of Barlow Clowes, of four charges of theft of debts for £500,000, £1.6 million, £1.9 million and £3 million.

In court on Thursday Mr Cramer's father, Peter, provided a surety of £245,000. Another surety of £150,000 was provided by Miss Deborah Lewis, Mr Cramer's girl friend, a freelance air hostess.

Yesterday lawyers for Mr Cramer unsuccessfully tried in a private hearing before Mr Justice Simon Brown to get the sum required reduced after attempts to raise the difference on Thursday failed.



NEWS ROUNDUP

TV investigator traps racketeers

Roger Cook, the television investigator, was praised by a judge yesterday for his part in breaking a 'loyalist' extortion ring. He posed as a property developer and his crew from *The Cook Report* filmed Ulster Defence Association racketeers blackmailing him.

Four men were jailed yesterday and Lord Justice O'Donnell told Belfast Crown Court: "Mr Cook exposed himself to considerable personal risk. And he did public service in exposing to public view extortion which is prevalent on building sites in Northern Ireland."

Mr Cook met two men, one armed, in a deserted car park and his crew secretly filmed them demanding £9,000 per £1 million of building work for the UDA. Eddie Sayers, aged 48, from Omagh, and Sidney Trotter, aged 27, from Dundonald, were each jailed for 10 years for blackmailing Mr Cook. Denis McClean, aged 34, from Belfast, was given seven years, and Gary Marno, aged 24, from Craigavon, got three years for blackmailing a Roman Catholic builder.

Pill and cancer alert

Women were urged yesterday not to be alarmed by studies linking the pill with breast and cervical cancer. The Family Planning Association and the National Association of Family Planning Doctors said results were often contradictory. Research by the Royal College of General Practitioners, published today in *The Lancet* and the *British Journal of Cancer*, suggests there is an increased risk of breast cancer among pill users aged 30 to 34, especially if they have had a child. Dr Clifford Kay, research leader, said knowledge of the long-term effects of oral contraceptives was incomplete.

Language barriers

Edinburgh District Council was one of eight recipients of the Plain English Campaign's Golden Bull Awards yesterday, for a letter it issued about senile dementia which included a 98-word sentence. However, the council failed to send a representative to collect its award, designed to highlight baffling use of language, at a ceremony in London. Nor did Lloyds Bank, which received its Golden Bull for a document consisting of a single 167-word sentence.

Tax offices move

The Inland Revenue is moving clerical and executive work to offices outside London because of the disproportionately high number of staff in the capital leaving to join the private sector. So far eight tax offices and five headquarters units have gone to Bristol, Leeds, Glasgow and Manchester. The aim is to transfer another 300 posts out of London by 1991. The loss of staff is costing the Inland Revenue an estimated £400,000 a year in training costs.

Protest on water sale

Birmingham City Council may make a legal challenge to claim up to £600 million compensation for asset losses under the Government's water privatization plans. The Labour-run authority said yesterday that compensation was due for the long-term cost of providing Birmingham with its water supply by pipeline from Welsh reservoirs. Mr Albert Bore, council economic development committee chairman, said local authorities would regard it as a test case.

National Trust boost

Visitors to National Trust properties increased by more than 8 per cent to 8.4 million between April 1 and October 31. The most popular were: Fountains Abbey, Studley Royal, 252,399 visitors; Stourhead, Wiltshire, 194,203; St Michael's Mount, Cornwall, 171,838; Chartwell, Kent, 156,648; Corfe Castle, Dorset, 154,770; Bodnant Garden, Gwynedd, 149,615; Sissinghurst, Kent, 141,298; Bodiam Castle, East Sussex, 139,849; Wakehurst Place, West Sussex, 127,825; and Lanhydrock, Cornwall, 124,440.

Peploe portrait goes for record £506,000

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Christie's had expected a record for "The Black Bottle", a stylish still life by S J Peploe, at its Scottish colourist sale on Thursday, and a record it achieved at £286,000, overtaking the previous record by £160,000.

It hardly expected the next lot, "Girl in White, a Portrait of Peggy MacRae", to fetch more than £100,000, but, during a battle between two dealers, Mr Andrew Patrick of the Fine Art Society and Mr Jonathan Clark of London, bids soared to an incredible £506,000.

As the gavel came down to tumultuous applause, this virtuoso portrait of Peploe's favourite model became the property of the Fine Art Society. Luckily for the tempers of the frustrated underbidder, Mr Clark did have the compensation of securing "The Black Bottle".

A painting by the seventeenth century Bolognese painter, Guido Reni, of "St James the Greater" fetched top price of £825,000 at Christie's Old Master paintings sale in London. A passion flower by Rachel Ruysch, the Dutch painter, was bought for £770,000.

Correction

Contrary to a news agency report published yesterday, Mr Richard Chipperfield did not admit in Southampton magistrates' court that a paralysed Chipperfield circus lion cub had died "painfully".

Dramatic rise and fall of a fashion giant

The story of the Next chain under George Davies, its deposed chairman, provides a peculiarly revealing picture of the new Britain of the 1980s.

Act I. The Thatcherite Revolution: An ailing smokestack industry — in this case the Hepworth suitmaking business, its vast Leicester factories rendered obsolete by the age of denim — is rescued from oblivion by a dynamic young businessman.

Davies, head-hunted by Terence Conran, who was Hepworth's chairman in 1981, turns the company into Next, aiming its clothes at fashion-conscious women of an age to feel alienated by the flashing lights and disco music that monopolized high street fashion shops at the time.

Act II. Triumphalism: The Next formula worked so well that Davies turned it into a way of life. It was applied in quick succession to menswear, interior design, jewellery, restaurants, children's clothes and mail order. In the process, Next became an inescapable part of every high street in Britain.

Act III. Nemesis: Hit by the crippling burden of the interest rates on the money needed to fuel constant expansion, Davies's star wanes; and the man who had become famous by dragging the high street into the modern world came to grief in the most old-fashioned way: the traditional late night boardroom putsch.

He had paid the price of becoming too identified as the public face of a company of which he remained only a salaried employee. He is a Liverpudlian who studied dentistry, moved into the fashion business at Littlewoods and became Next man personified in his sharp suits and bright ties. His was the face of the affluent new Southern Britain, classily and traditionally stylish. He pulled mass market retailing out of the age of Crimplene but in the end was toppled by sober bankers.

The secret of Next's success under Davies was that it sold fashion at mass market prices but in a setting that made them look like expensive one-offs.

Next stores used polished granite, maple strip floors, fumed oak fittings and quartz halogen lights. In the Regent Street branch in London, they even put an expresso bar in the main window, sacrificing vital display space.

In conventional retailing terms it was commercial suicide but Davies never believed in going by the conventional rules. Instead he hired a whole succession of bright young designers to make the shops look as good as anything in Bond Street or Fifth Avenue. But it all took money.

To cover the overheads of all that design, Davies had opened shops 30 at a time. His activities



helped to spark off the battle for *Lebensraum* in Britain's high streets in the mid-eighties, which saw the Burton Group snap up Debenhams and Sir Terence Conran merge with BHS into Storehouse.

Davies always wanted to move away from the high street and just over a year ago launched the Next mail order catalogue, a glossy, expensive and stylish book. It introduced bemused British consumers to, among other things, the £55 architect-designed kettle. He got rid of mail order's downmarket image but did not endear himself to the Grattan directors with whom he had by now merged Next, when he pointed out that what they had been doing was "tatty and badly done".

There were already signs of friction. "I wanted to say that if we couldn't deliver Next mail order products within 48 hours, we'd give them away, but the board wouldn't let me", Davies said at the time. And just before his dismissal he was working on new plans to open up out-of-town Next hypermarket branches.

Next under Davies sums up the style of the 1980s just as much as Terence Conran's Habitat did in the 1960s. It managed to stay light on its feet in stylistic terms, moving from white walls and sparse modern lines to eau-de-Nil post-modernism with consummate ease. Its clothes ran the whole spectrum from budget versions of Savile Row for men to stylish denim and leather for teenagers.

If Davies had critics within the retail business it was that too many of Next's styles were copied too closely from bright small businesses. But unlike so many of the old-style retailers, at least Davies took the trouble to look at what was going on at the cutting edge. And at least he was able to employ scores of young designers at his Leicestershire headquarters who would have been snapped up in Milan or New York.

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Eight teachers to be moved from school with poor discipline

By David Tytler and Douglas Broom

Eight teachers are to be removed from a primary school with a poor record of discipline. The school has failed to provide a proper education for its 264 pupils in badly repaired and unhygenic buildings, according to an emergency government report published yesterday.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, instructed Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools to report on Highbury Quadrant Primary School, in Islington, north London, after two teachers argued in front of the children when one of them failed to attend an assembly in honour of Nelson Mandela.

The eight teachers, who claimed they were only following anti-racist policies, were still at the school yesterday but are to be moved to a number of different schools in inner London.

Mr Malcolm Horne, president of the National Union of Teachers, said last night after a meeting with teachers at the school that he had promised union support in the teachers' fight against "quite unforgivable attacks" by Ilea.

Legal action was being considered by the union, he said. The report said the children at Highbury Quadrant are "not receiving the standard of education that they need and deserve".

It also points to problems for the future saying: "Faced with so many difficulties and so few growth points, bringing about improvements will not be easy. The school will require consistent and sustained support for a considerable time...not least (from) the parents and community."

In a clear reference to the divisions among the staff, the report said: "The school has suffered severely from a protracted period of turbulence which may or may not have come to an end.

"The immediate steps which are needed to improve matters can only be taken by the teachers resolving to work more co-operatively to achieve agreed curricular objectives, including sound objectives for the children's social and personal education."

During the past four years, the school has had two head teachers, five acting head teachers and a large number of probationary teachers.

Turning to discipline the report says: "Poor behaviour among a significant number of children is also an important issue which needs to be addressed. The school must agree a more consistent approach if the present situation is to be improved." Describing lessons as inadequate the inspectors said: "The curriculum is narrow in range and shallow in content. Where subject guidelines exist they are rarely followed to any extent or to good effect. Much of what is offered in English, mathematics and science is impoverished."

The inspectors said these problems should be dealt with as a matter of priority and, again referring to arguments among the teaching staff, said: "There is a need for a co-operative effort on the part of the teachers to plan and co-ordinate the work more thoroughly".

To add to the school's problems, the lessons are said to be taking place in inadequate surroundings. The roof is in a dangerous state and leaks in heavy rain, and the "strong and unpleasant smells which emanate from some of the toilets are a persistent problem".

The inspectors praise the work of the nursery, the support that is given to bilingual children and those with learning diffi-culties, and lessons in music and swimming.

Yesterday Mr Alastair McMechan, the acting head teacher, ordered the school to be sealed while the controversy raged. Pupils were kept in during lunch and classroom blinds were drawn.

Mr Ian Lloyd, aged 40, who will take over as headteacher next year, said last night: "I remain convinced that with appropriate help and support from all concerned, the school will respond to the present unsatisfactory and distressing situation".

A safer way to drink and drive

GRAHAM WOOD



Mr Peter Bottomley, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, and his wife Virginia, who holds a similar portfolio at the Department of the Environment, joined forces yesterday to promote low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks at the Sainsbury store in Ladbroke Grove, west London, as part of the Government's Christmas campaign against drink-driving.

Builders attack manipulation of house market

Leaders of the house-building industry yesterday criticized the Government for using the housing market to try to regulate the economy at a time when there was an under supply of housing.

Mr Brian Hewitt, incoming president of the House Builders Federation, accused the Government of applying stop-go policies to regulate the economy, and of using the housing market, via higher mortgage rates, as a means of reducing consumer demand.

Speaking at the federation's annual lunch in London, he said these stop-go policies would be repeated unless the underlying cause of house price inflation, the shortage of new homes, was tackled. He urged the Government to meet this problem by releasing an adequate supply of housing land.

Sir Lawrie Barratt, about to retire as chairman of Barratt Developments to become its life president, said Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, seemed determined to stop demand for house purchase but builders were determined he would not succeed.

Times fair will offer free advice on careers

Teenagers and graduates will be able to receive advice on careers, university and college courses at an expanded careers and higher education fair sponsored by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*.

The fair, Directions, will be held next summer and cater for academically able young people from A level candidates seeking advice on courses and suitable universities or colleges to graduates seeking career guidance.

Entry will be free and parents, teachers and careers' advisers will be welcome.

Several universities, polytechnics and colleges have already taken space, which is being offered free to all educational institutions.

The fair will be at Olympia Exhibition Centre in London on Thursday and Friday, June 8 and 9, from 10am to 6pm, and on Saturday, June 10, from 10am to 4pm.

MONDAY



● Dr Graham Leonard, the Bishop of London, is the Church of England's most visible opponent of the ordination of women. In *The Times* on Monday he talks to Barbara Amiel about the place of women in the Church, and reveals his thoughts on the moral leadership of Britain.

WIN £40,000

● Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize was shared by Ms Jaqueline Smith, of Milton Keynes, and Mr T. Duncanson, of Hove, Sussex. The *Portfolio Accumulator* stands at £40,000. There is also the £8,000 weekly prize to be won today.

● Game: pages 21, 24

Dewsbury education dispute

Council officers criticized

Senior officers of Kirklees Borough Council were blamed yesterday for the schools' dispute in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire.

According to a report by Mr Robert Hughes, the council's new chief executive, they were wrong to insist that 26 white children should go to the mainly Asian Headfield School at Thornhill Lees.

That had already suffered from overcrowding but there was sufficient accommodation and staff at two other Thornhill schools, including Overthorpe Junior School, where the parents wanted them to go.

The 149-page report said that as a result of the officers' actions the council fell down on its obligations to give the parents the right to choose their children's school.

Even after the dispute started it might still have been contained but Mr Hughes's report said: "I am satisfied that lack of effective action by senior officers caused the authority to be drawn into a wholly avoidable confrontation with a large body of aggrieved and resolute parents".

The report was presented to councillors in private yesterday after a month-long investigation into the dispute which started in August last year when the parents were told their children would have to go to Headfield, where 85 per cent of the pupils were Asian.

Their appeals were turned down and for nearly a year their children taught by a retired headmaster at a local public house, the Thornhill Lees Hotel, run by their spokesman, Mr Eric Haley.

The council eventually backed down in the High Court case last summer and most of the children are now being taught at Overthorpe.

Mr Hughes, who was helped by two independent assessors, Mr Peter Liell, a solicitor, and Mr Herman Ousley, chief executive of the Inner London Education Authority, said the education department had made the mistake of working on school admission limits set for 1982 and 1983.

Accommodation and resources had altered since then and the officers' failure to get approval of new limits had weakened the council's stand. The children could have been taught at two Thornhill schools and it had been council policy since 1980 to invite parents to send children there in an attempt to reduce overcrowding at Headfield.

Once the trouble started, no-one in the directorate took a sufficiently firm grip on the affair and the parents' determination to fight was under-estimated.

Mr Hughes said: "The report does not make for comfortable reading.

"It need hardly be said that the council and race relations in Kirklees cannot afford another Dewsbury schools' case".

During the year-long dispute the parents were accused of being racists.

Six weeks ago Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, banned a march through Dewsbury by a black workers' action group, which wanted to protest at the council's surrender to the parents.

The council's director of education, Mr Peter Davies, refused to comment yesterday.

However Mr Haley said: "The way this affair was handled by the council was absolutely disgraceful. There should now be an official call for resignations."

33% rises for dons at Oxford

By Our Education Editor

Merit rises of up to 33 per cent will be awarded to some Oxford University professors to curb recruitment by foreign universities.

The first awards of up to £8,072 will be backdated to last October and will break the university's policy of paying all professors the same rate. Those seeking a rise must show outstanding academic distinction or a contribution to the academic work of the university.

Mr Derek Roberts, deputy registrar of Oxford, said other universities were making similar arrangements. "It is a direct consequence of the last national salary awards for academic staff which included provincial merit payments."

The minimum salary for an Oxford professor is £23,000. The rises will be awarded to a quarter of them, and merit reviews will be held every three years.

All the applications must be received by January 5 and will be judged by a committee chaired by Sir Patrick Neill, QC, the vice-chancellor.

Anglers cast their eyes on Royal beat

By Alan Hamilton

Salmon fishermen with a taste for casting their flies in high places are being offered the chance to fish one of the Royal Family's exclusive beats at Balmoral next spring.

The Queen has donated a week's fishing, and a ghillie, for two rods, on the Birkhall beat, set in glorious Aberdeenshire countryside where the River Dee is joined by its tributary, the Muick near Ballater. It is also close to Birkhall House, summer home of a particularly skilled angler, the Queen Mother. Prawns and live bait are banned, but anything caught may be kept.

Fishing at Birkhall and 170 other beats throughout the country is being auctioned in aid of the Atlantic Salmon Trust based at Pitlochry, Perthshire, an independent research body which conducts scientific studies into the king of fish, and whose patron is the Queen Mother's star angling pupil, the Prince of Wales. The trust is currently engaged on a salmon tagging project in the Tay.

The week at Birkhall is offered on condition that no member of the Royal Family happens to take a fancy to it in the week beginning March 20.

When a week on the same beat in April was auctioned earlier this year, it fetched £701. The estimate for next year's offer is £350, although the trust hopes sporting bidders will offer at least double.

It is not, however, quite the bargain it sounds, unless the lucky winner is as happy with his privileged location as with his catch, which of course any true sportsman should be. The week on offer is in March, whereas the best of the spring run on the Dee is from the end of April to the beginning of June. And in recent years the Dee has been very much an autumn river.

The Balmoral estate was reluctant yesterday to disclose recent years' catches at Birkhall. Captain Alwyn Farquharson, who owns beats near by at Invercauld, said yesterday that catches on the upper Dee this year had been poorer than last. "Fishermen have to be optimists by nature, but in the early spring on the Dee, you are taking a bit of a chance."

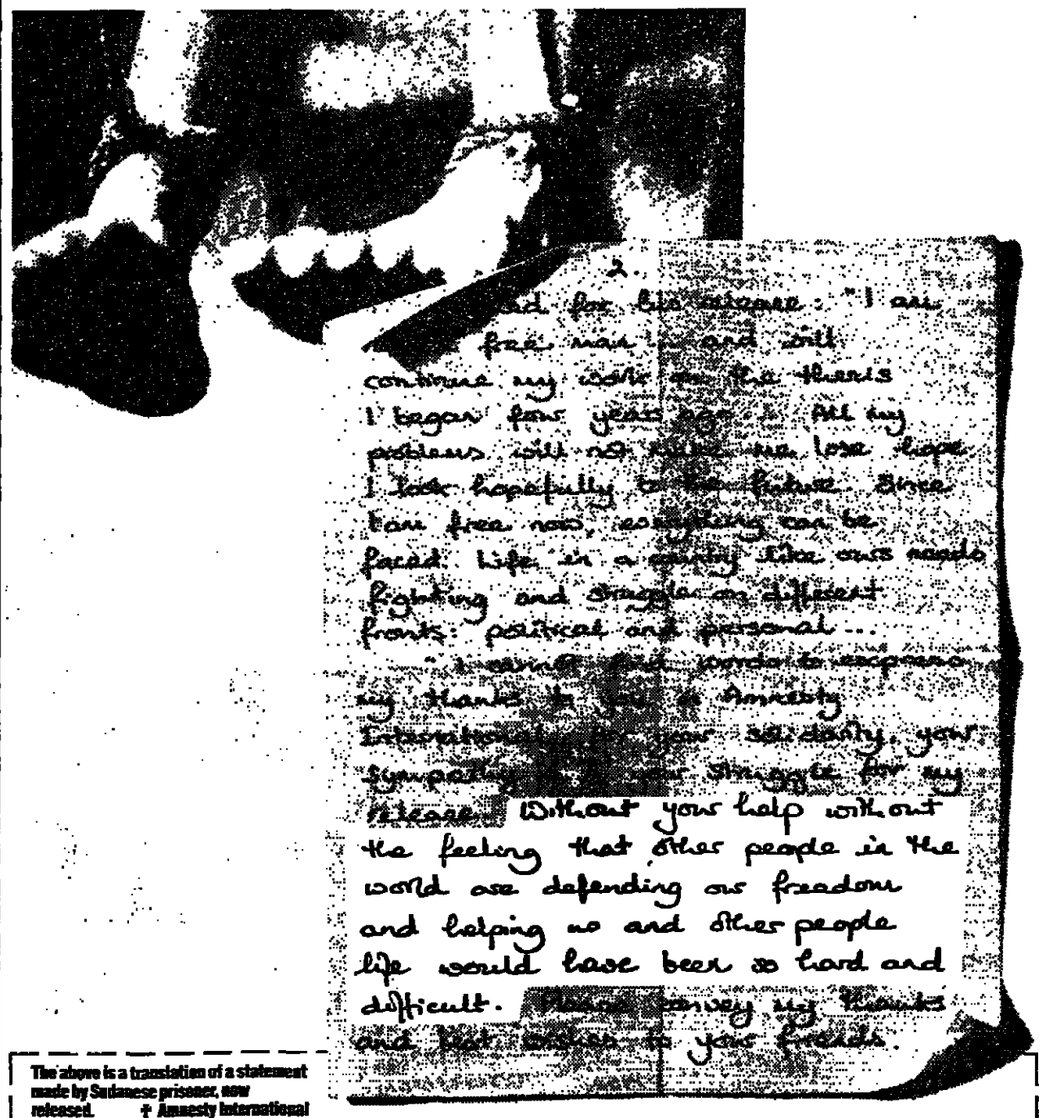
Mr James Ferguson, director of the Salmon and Trout Association, said yesterday that the decline in salmon catches in British rivers over the past 20 years was due to indiscriminate fishing on the high seas and off the English coast, well-organized large-scale poaching, and pollution of rivers and estuaries.

Rear-Admiral John Mackenzie, director of the Atlantic Salmon Trust, was more optimistic. "There appear to be more salmon in the rivers this year than in recent years, particularly in Scotland where they had a very wet summer."

No-one was prepared, however, to speculate on the state of the Birkhall beat next March, except to forecast an icy edge to the Scottish weather.

Those to whom size of catch is all may prefer to bid for a week in October on the Lees, a prime beat on the Tweed near Lord Home's estate at Coldstream, where the five-year average for the week on offer is 121 salmon caught. Bidders, however, are advised to pitch their offers at well over £6,000 for three rods.

● Postal auction catalogues are available from the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Moulin, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH16 5JQ. Closing date for bids February 1, 1989.



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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Vein of gold runs deep amid the Channel tunnel mud

By Howard Foster

The Mercedes, BMWs and an assortment of other high-powered saloons gleam among the drabness of the asphalt and mud of the permanent caravan site on the clifftop between Dover and Folkestone.

Every 12 hours, for up to six days of the week, the expensive cars trace a route from the caravan site and sleep, to Shakespeare Cliff, on the edge of Dover, and work on the Channel tunnel.

Elsewhere, at the Thames Estuary factory producing the segments that fit inside the tunnel, there are reports of workers complaining about high noise levels, air pollution and oil fumes as they work long hours for less wages than their fellow workers building the tunnel.

Shop stewards at the Isle of Grain factory have written to the management to complain about conditions.

Industrial relations are "bad and strained" according to one union member.

Missed targets and the intense pressure to keep to schedule to meet their French counterparts under the seabed by 1993 mean that the 3,000 tunnel workers in Dover, Folkestone and Ashford are clocking up enormous overtime and bonus payments which can bring the men operating at the frontier of the tunnel wages of £1,000 a week.

Even a fork-lift truck driver can earn £20,000 a year if he can stand the pace and the unpleasantness of the conditions in the tunnel.

The sheer scale of the generation of wealth in the Dover area is already having an effect on a town which has recently suffered the economic consequences of the closure of all but one of its coal mines and the dramatic reduction in its cross-Channel ferry workforce.

Estate agents are already seeing the effects of an influx of well-heeled clients into Dover, Folkestone and Ashford.

"Prices in Ashford are up even in the first few months of the arrival of the tunnel people", a spokesman for one national estate agency said.

"Some of the workers are buying second homes in the Dover area for about £80,000 and keeping their places back wherever they come from.

"Others are beginning to move their families here, which is good news for estate agents at a time when we might expect the high interest rates to keep prices down. We have been told to expect the workers to keep moving in here for the next two years."

Tunnel workers say they are amused at the reaction of bank managers and building societies when they hear of their line of work.

"I only had £2 to put in the bank when I came to Dover but as soon as I told them what I did I was offered a mortgage loan of £60,000", one underground worker said. He plans to bring his wife and children to Dover as soon as he can find a house.

The best-paid workers have grouped together to take houses in the more exclusive areas of Dover. Many have moved in to guest houses and small hotels on the outskirts of the town, boosting winter business for hoteliers.

"They stay for a while but whenever property comes on the market round here, they are snapping it up", Mr George Banks, a guest house proprietor, said.

One tunneller, who would not be named, said he and several colleagues were considering buying homes near the French end of the tunnel. "It makes great sense because prices are low compared to Kent yet it will take very little time to get across to England from France when we have built the tunnel." Tunnellers who operate as a small and select band moving from one lucrative contract to another throughout the world, earn between £800 and £1,000 a week, according to Transmanche Link, the consortium of companies building the tunnel.

TML denies that it has had to increase bonuses since it failed to reach its November target of progress three miles out into the Channel but says that the range of workers earning £50,000 a year includes many of those making cross-passages and secondary tunnels using machinery other than the giant borers employed on the main tunnel.

"These guys really earn their money. They build sewers in Cairo, tunnels in Scotland and under the Thames – they can virtually name their price", Jock Simpson, Amalgamated Engineering Union representative, said. "The work for the AEU members is mechanical and that hasn't even started yet, so you will see more and more people coming to the site to work."

The arrival of 1,500 well-paid customers and their families in Dover alone is helping to offset the ill-will created by the environmental effects of the Eurotunnel workings near the town.

"It is undoubtedly going to be a great advantage to have these people on our doorstep", Mr Ron Dryden of the Dover Chamber of Commerce, said. "When the pits closed we lost four-and-a-half per cent of the spending power in our businesses. When jobs went in the port the loss to shops and businesses was almost as big.

"We would love to think that these people will spend in our town and they are beginning to. This Christmas is not such a bad one for traders but it is still early days. The new spending is just beginning to filter through. Enrotunnel and TML are now both members of the chamber and we look forward to them being a positive force here.

"They say that 60 per cent of the tunnel workforce is from the local area and we welcome that. Dover has had its fair share of misfortunes and now we look forward to the benefits of this new construction."

Meanwhile, one tunneller, who admitted to being paid up to £1,000 a week for an apparently unending series of twelve-hour shifts, agreed that he would be happy to spend his money in the Dover area.

"Unfortunately, all I am doing is working and sleeping at the moment. It is all a matter of when I will get the chance to spend my money", he said.

Democrats press for rethink on Union

By Kerry Gill

Senior members of the Scottish Democrats will meet today to discuss their call for a renegotiation of the Act of Union and how they will promote their stand during electoral campaigns.

Their demand for Westminster to rethink the 1707 Act of Union with England is supported by the nine Scottish MPs. It also has the backing of Mr Paddy Ashdown, the party leader.

Their views will be taken to the steering committee meeting of the Constitutional Convention, proposed by the Campaign for a Scottish Assembly, in January.

Next month's meeting will involve the Democrats, Labour and the Scottish National Party and will lay the ground rules of the Constitutional Convention designed to persuade the Government that the time is ripe for a Scots parliament.

Its aim is to draw up proposals for constitutional reform for Scotland. Mr Ron Waddell, director of the Scottish Democrats, said they would want to see a new Act allow for a parliament in Edinburgh with full economic and tax-raising powers.

Effectively, the Democrats are calling for the parliament to take over the functions of the Scottish Office.

The Democrats will also call for proportional representation.

At today's meeting, they will discuss a paper tabled by Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP for Gordon, which is expected to flesh out the party's position during the Govan campaign.

Also today, the Scottish National Party's national executive will meet in Edinburgh to decide its position on the convention.

Smoking quiz

The views of British Airways staff on smoking at work are to be sought in a survey by the company. Ground based and air crew will be be asked their preferences for smoking or non smoking in certain areas.

Toad subways

A £19,000 plan to build four subways for toads and rare great crested newts under the A512 near Coleorton in Leicestershire was approved yesterday by Leicester County Council's highways committee.

Killing appeal

Three men convicted of murdering PC Keith Blakelock during the Broadwater Farm estate riots in north London in 1985 will on Monday seek leave in the Court of Appeal to challenge their convictions.

Holiday plan

A leisure group yesterday unveiled a £70 million scheme to create a holiday village, housed under a transparent roof, at Elveden, near Thetford, Suffolk. Centre Parcs said up to 600 jobs could be created.

Chief accused

George Weiss, the chairman of the Rainbow Alliance Party, was accused yesterday of conspiring to supply 4,500 LSD tablets and possessing 15 LSD tablets. Magistrates in Hampstead, north-west London, remanded him in custody for a week.

M-way death

A youth, aged 17, was killed as he walked across the M20 in the early hours of yesterday after betting his elder brother £1 that he could do it without running. Kent police said Michael Clifton, from Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent, was playing a game of "chicken".

Cricket vote

Members of Lancashire Cricket Club will vote today on whether to allow women to become full voting members and give them access to the pavilion at Old Trafford.

Villages join forces to find alternative for fast railway link

By David Nicholson-Lord

Villagers affected by British Rail's plans for a high-speed rail link with the Channel tunnel are commissioning a consultants' study on an alternative route which involves lower speeds but avoids homes and highly sensitive landscapes.

They hope to publish detailed proposals by the new year. Villagers on the four routes singled out by British Rail have decided on a policy of unified opposition to the high-speed concept after a party of 70 from Kent visited France last week to see the trains de grande vitesse (TGV) in operation and returned home "in a state of shock".

They say noise levels were double those given by British Rail, the scale of work far exceeded their worst expectations and that representatives of the French railway company, SNCF, said British Rail would have to spend at least 20 per cent of the overall cost on environmental protection, even if the train did not run through built-up areas. British Rail has indicated a maximum figure of 10 per cent.

Mr Andrew Brice, chairman of North Downs Rail Concern, said yesterday: "You can run a high-speed train through the wide-open spaces of France but it is simply impossible in the crowded countryside of Kent".

Five of the leading protest groups this week agreed a four-point campaign, including rejection of 186 mph trains, full environmental protection and compensation for any loss of value in houses resulting from new tracks. They conceded the need for extra rail capacity to cope with the opening of the tunnel.

The alternative route being examined by consultants would be further to the east than British Rail's lines. It would tunnel under downland, avoiding the North Downs area of outstanding natural beauty, and would approach London from the east, terminating at Stratford or King's Cross.

Its backers says it does not involve demolishing houses, passes through areas where local councils have indicated they would welcome it and would link up with the existing commuter network. Trains would travel at Inter-City speeds of up to 125 mph, adding only about seven or eight minutes to projected journey times.

Mr Jack Garnham-Wright, chairman of the countryside committee of the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies, said the French high-speed train was at least three times bigger and twice as noisy as the train being canvassed by British Rail.

British Rail indicated that the train would generate 95 decibels of sound – roughly equivalent to a jet aircraft coming in to land – at 25 metres' distance but readings taken at 20 metres produced 104 decibels. Objectors say that would create a corridor of intolerable noise, forcing British Rail to compulsorily acquire homes 815 metres around the track.

Botham's epic trip bears fruit

TOM KIDD



Mr Ian Botham, the cricketer, with Alice Gallagher, a research scientist, after he had opened the Leukaemia Research Fund Virus Centre at Glasgow University yesterday. The Ian Botham Building was built with money raised on his walk from John o' Groats to Land's End. The centre, which cost £400,000, will be at the forefront of research into the role viruses play in influencing leukaemia.

Worldwide action planned to seize drug profits

International action to confiscate the profits of drug traffickers is being planned by the Home Office (Peter Evans writes).

If a draft Order laid before Parliament is approved, it will enable courts in England and Wales to freeze and seize profits of drug traffickers charged and convicted in the United States.

A joint agreement was signed earlier this year for a reciprocal arrangement which provides for similar action in the US against traffickers convicted in this country.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said Britain had also signed agreements with Australia, Canada and the Bahamas while negotiations with other countries were under way. An agreement between the UK and Switzerland is expected to be signed next month.

The Home Office said courts had ordered more than £3 million to be confiscated since the Drug Trafficking Offences Act came into force in January 1987. A further £10 million is frozen in cases awaiting trial.

Moves towards adopting the UN Convention on illicit drug trafficking will be made at a conference in Vienna ending on December 20.

The convention would commit participating states to a wide range of measures against drug trafficking, including action to trace, freeze and confiscate the proceeds.

Gardener cleared of sex murder

A former market gardener was cleared on a judge's direction yesterday of the murder of a grandmother.

Mr George Woolard, aged 36, had denied strangling Mrs Alice Myles, of Westfield Court, Edinburgh, with her tights and sexually assaulting her on August 4.

The body of Mrs Myles, aged 73, was found by police in dense undergrowth on the banks of the Water of Leith near the garden allotment she had tended for 17 years.

A police surgeon described the murder as "outrageous" and said Mrs Myles had the worst internal injuries he had seen in 20 years of post-mortem examinations.

Lord Morton of Shuna, the judge at the High Court in Edinburgh, said he agreed with Mr Neil Murray, defence counsel, that there was not enough evidence for a jury to convict Mr Woolard, of Gilmore Place, Edinburgh.

The judge said the only evidence in the case connecting the accused with the murder was 25 fibres which came from patches on his denim jeans.

Grumble factor gains ground behind the Liberty drapes

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

EPPING FOREST BY-ELECTION

Prosperity oozes from the small towns and villages of west Essex where next week the Conservatives defend a huge majority in their fifteenth safest seat in the country.

The restaurants in Buckhurst Hill do a good trade in champagne and smart boutiques offer glitz and glamour for those with plenty of money to spare and spend.

There are plenty of such people in Epping Forest, a constituency bordering the north-eastern suburbs of London where former council houses sell for £100,000 and the wealthier flaunt what they've got by parking two, three and more executive cars outside homes costing half a million plus.

But behind the Liberty curtains niggling doubts are emerging among many people who have undoubtedly prospered during the Thatcher years. They are probably not strong enough to cause an electoral upset though the centre parties are still hoping for their bandwagon to start rolling.

Bequeathed a 21,513 majority with the death of the popular Sir John Biggs-Davison, the confident Conservative candidate, Mr Steven Norris, is confronting the "grumble factor" and trying to counter complacency and concern.

Many Conservatives are uncertain about the manner and pace with which the Government has set about pushing its most controversial measures through Parliament in the first years of its third term. "I'll vote Conservative but..." or "they are going too far" is a refrain oft repeated by voters unable to point to specific policies they oppose but unhappy with the drift and tenor adopted by the Government and fearful of where ministers will take them next.

Mr Bernard White, a decorator and lifelong Conservative voter, said: "I have this uneasy feeling about the way they are behaving. It is not the economy, even though that is not as fine and dandy as it was last year. It's a feeling they are going over the top and getting out of touch with people. You get the impression that they'll have us paying for everything, particularly in the health service."

Few are alarmed by the economic outlook though the Conservative campaign managers are clearly apprehensive about any potential appearance by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson. But the Government's attitude towards the health service and pensioners, along with misgivings about water privatization, are high among the concerns of the "grumblers".

Fortunately for Mr Norris, who lost the marginal Oxford East seat at the last general election, not enough of these doubters appear ready to caution Mrs Thatcher by switching allegiance. Mr Norris's main worry is that a combination of approaching Christmas festivities and discontent may discourage people from voting.

And the postponement of Mikhail Gorbachov's visit has deprived the Conservatives of three days of valuable publicity, highlighting the Prime Minister's role on the world stage in the three days before polling next Thursday.

But such concerns pale into insignificance alongside the problems his opponents face. Labour and the former allies, the Democrats and Social Democrats, are fighting it out to establish themselves as the main challenger to the Conservatives.

But the voters are despairing of Labour and confused at who's who and what's what in the divisions of the centre parties. One young mother, complete with Barbour jacket, said: "I suppose I'll vote Labour even though they haven't a chance. It's terrible. Where can we go? The others have thrown it all away by rowing and splitting."

Stephen Murray, the Labour candidate, is concentrating on the council estates of Debden where cedar wood doors and mock-Georgian windows testify to the popularity of the sale of council houses. His campaign has none of the dynamism that nearly brought the party victory at the Kensington by-election last July, and few believe the party can make a national breakthrough.

The recent division on the Prevention of Terrorism Act has provided further ammunition for Labour's critics.

But at least the voters know who Labour are. There is nothing but confusion among Epping's voters about the Democrats and Social Democrats, with any number of names and initials being used to describe either party. The bitterness between the two former allies remains with Mr Andrew Thompson, for the Democrats, dismissing his one-time colleague Mr Michael Pettman, for the SDP, as an "irrelevance".

Few in the Conservative camp doubt that if the centre had its act together, they would be facing a much tougher challenge.

Candidates: Bryan Goodier (No Belsen for South Africa), Jakki Moore (Rainbow Alliance), Stephen Murray (Labour), Steven Norris (Conservative), Michael Pettman (Social Democrat), Andrew Sims (Green Party), Screaming Lord Sutch (Raving Loony Liberal Party), Andrew Thompson (Democrats), Tina Wingfield (National Front).

General election: Sir John Biggs-Davison (C) 31,536; Mr Anthony Humphris (SDP-All) 10,023; Mr Stephen Murray (Lab) 9,499; R Denhard (Green) 695. Majority: 21,513.

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Anger over textile imports

MPs of all parties criticized the Government for not taking adequate measures to defend the textile industry from cheap imports, during a debate in the Commons on the Multi-Fibre Arrangement.

They complained at the loss of jobs in their constituencies, and expressed particular concern about large imports of Turkish acrylic yarn.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) said that the criteria on which anti-dumping measures could be taken were inadequate and must be made more effective.

When Mr Frank Haynes (Ashfield, Lab) demanded to know what the minister was doing about the loss of jobs in the industry, Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, said that he was doing all in his power "but the sovereign power of the UK is restricted both by our membership of the EEC and other international trade agreements".

The Multi-Fibre Arrangement, which came into effect in 1974, is an agreement under which the industrialized countries negotiate import quotas with developing countries to prevent them flooding the market with cheap clothing and textiles.

Opening the debate, Mr Clark said that the industry, with about half a million workers, was still Britain's largest employer. It comprised around 15,000 firms and exports in 1987 totalled more than £3 billion.

"We recognize the difficulties facing the industry and concern about closure and redundancies."

Regarding Turkey, there was insufficient evidence of serious disruption to the UK industry. It was not possible for him to take the action he would like until there was that evidence.

Mr Douglas Henderson, an Opposition spokesman on trade, said that the UK market had been flooded by imports. The main reasons for the crisis were the overvalued pound and the artificially low exchange rates of South-east Asian countries, especially South Korea.

Mr Winterton said that the industry could cope with high interest rates or high exchange rates but not both.

"Turkey has not just got a foot in our markets it has a hob nail boot firmly on the throat of British textile and clothing manufactuers."

The MFA had saved the industry from collapse and should not be abandoned.

Mr Archy Kirkwood (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, Dem) said that it was important to allow increasing access into the market for Third World countries. "But we must not be taken for mugs in the short term by countries such as Brazil, Turkey and South Korea." They had flooded the world with cheap imports.

Commons turns to Bill to privatize electricity

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

MPs will begin their scrutiny of the Government's biggest privatization measure so far, the sale of the electricity supply industry, with Monday and Tuesday devoted to the second reading debate.

On Thursday, they turn to the second reading of the Security Service Bill, which puts MI5 on a statutory footing. Labour MPs are expected to vote against it.

They are linking it to the Protection of Official Information Bill, also introduced by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, reforming the controversial catch-all Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act.

Labour MPs will have another chance to protest at the closure of the Sunderland shipyards on Wednesday during a debate on British Shipbuilders.

The House of Lords sits on

NEXT WEEK

Monday to debate the Fennell report on the King's Cross underground disaster.

On Tuesday, peers closely involved in broadcasting, including Lord Barnett, Lord Annan and Lord Swann, will speak on the Government's White Paper *Broadcasting in the '90s.*

On Thursday, the upper House holds a second reading debate on the Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Bill, one of four important Government measures starting off in the Lords this session.

It paves the way for using computer systems to help drivers avoid traffic congestion.

Extradition process tightened in wake of Ryan controversy

By Philip Webster, and Chris West in Athens

Improvements in extradition procedures between EEC countries, including much closer co-operation at an early stage to identify sensitive cases, were set in hand yesterday by European interior and justice ministers meeting in Athens.

The moves result from proposals put to the so-called Trevi group, the EEC's counter-terrorism watchdog, by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, in the wake of the Father Patrick Ryan controversy.

At the same meeting he announced a streamlining of Britain's immigration procedures which will mean a single immigration channel at airports and seaports for all European Community nationals from April next year. At present there are separate checks for UK passport-holders and other EEC nationals.

The meeting, called to discuss border controls after 1992, was overshadowed by the continuing dispute between Britain, Belgium and the Irish Republic over Father Ryan and an equally acrimonious dispute between Greece and Italy over Greece's refusal to allow the extradition of an alleged member of the Abu Nidal terrorist organization.

Britain is still awaiting the Irish reply to its extradition request, and the Ryan case was not specifically referred to by Mr Hurd yesterday.

But it was in the forefront of his mind when he reminded his colleagues of the crucial importance of extradition in the fight against terrorism. Mr Hurd told his EEC colleagues that the key to avoiding problems in sensitive cases involving suspected terrorists was to ensure close co-operation between the authorities of the two countries at the earliest possible stage.

The approach was endorsed by Mr Hurd's colleagues who also backed his proposal that improvements in extradition arrangements between member countries should be examined further by a special group of officials.

He said that the European Convention on Extradition, which Britain is to ratify next year, would give a common extradition agreement within the EEC and provide a sound basis on which to build other improvements.

The Home Secretary yesterday met Mr Gerry Collins, the Irish justice minister, to impress upon him Mrs Thatcher's view that extradition procedures between the two countries are "not working properly". She has asked the Irish to review the mechanism.

The widely differing views of member countries over terrorism have been thrown sharply into focus by a bitter exchange between Greece and Italy.

It arose after the Greek justice minister freed a Palestinian wanted by the Italians for the 1982 bombing of a synagogue in Rome, in which a boy aged two was killed and 34 other people injured. Abdel Osama al-Zomor, aged 27, was deported to Libya, sparking off a storm of protest, not only from Italy but from world Jewish communities, and drawing a sharp rebuke from the United States.

At the Trevi meeting Mr Vassos Rotis, the newly-appointed Greek justice minister, was forced into an uncomfortable position. He had to explain to EEC colleagues his justification of the denial of the Italian extradition request, that al-Zomor's alleged action was "in the context of a struggle to regain the independence of his homeland, constituting activity in favour of freedom, and therefore not an act of terrorism".

The Italian foreign ministry has demanded an explanation.

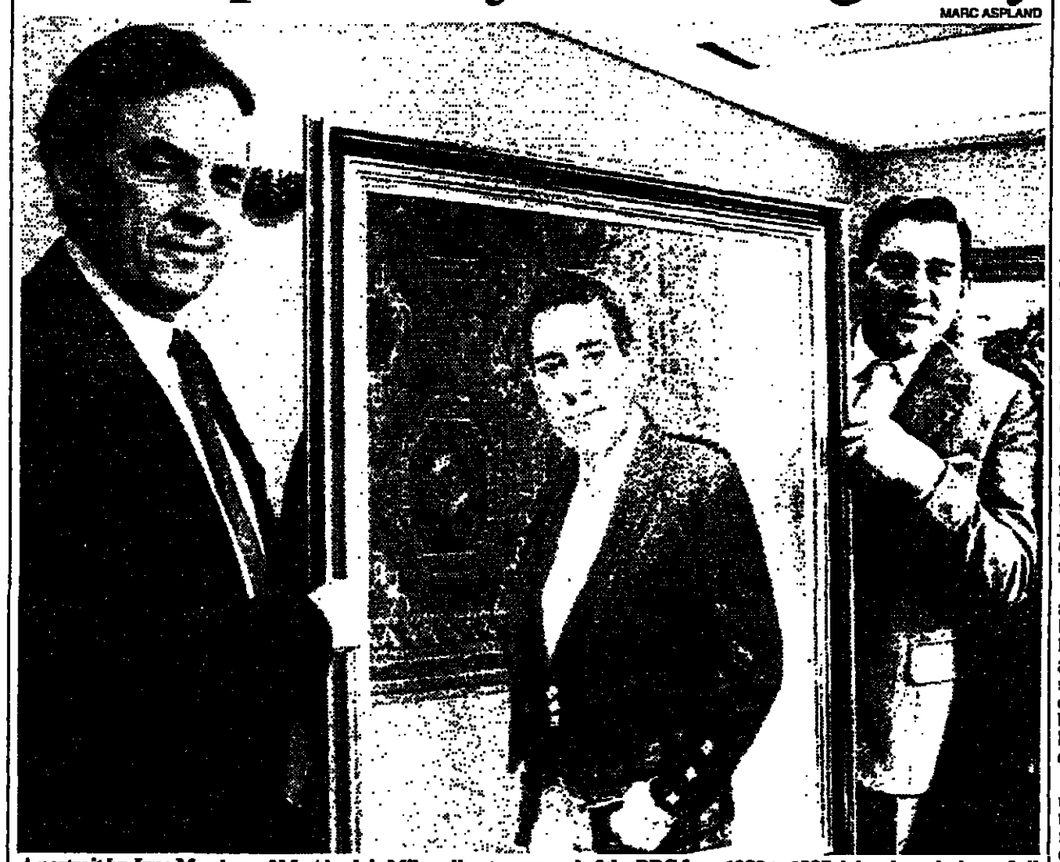
In an unusually strong statement, the United States State Department spoke of its "deep concern" at the decision and described the Greek's explanation as "deplorable".

The concern was put forcefully at a meeting in Athens coinciding with the Trevi talks, between Mr Rotis and Mr Richard Thornburgh, the US Attorney-General.

The Americans are concerned that the Greek attitude towards the case of al-Zomor will be reflected in the decision over the extradition from Greece of another Palestinian, Mohammed Raschid, whom the Americans want in connection with an explosion on a Pan-Am airliner over Honolulu in 1982.

Milne portrait joins BBC gallery

MARC ASPLAND



A portrait by June Mendoza of Mr Alasdair Milne, director-general of the BBC from 1982 to 1987, joins the paintings of all former holders of that post in the council chamber of Broadcasting House. Mr Milne and his wife Sheila attended the unveiling ceremony performed by Mr Michael Checkland, left, who was appointed director-general in February of last year.

Concern at 'personal' poll tax questions

By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent

Poll tax officers can ask up to 50 "personal" questions on the doorstep, according to a detailed review of the law by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

Permitted inquiries include questions about marital status, "mental capacity", the ownership of boats, caravans and time-share apartments.

The Labour-controlled association says failure to answer questions could lead to fines of up to £200. In theory a jail sentence could be imposed on a householder who kept silent.

Poll tax officials can ask about jobs and whether a householder or others in a home are self-employed. They are entitled to ask whether someone is receiving unemployment or other state benefits. If someone in a house claims to be a student, details can be demanded.

The Local Government Finance Act, 1988, allows poll tax exemption for the mentally handicapped, in which case officers may ask about stays in psychiatric hospitals.

They have a right to know the contents of a house, in case the council needs to seize goods if poll tax is not paid.

The association said councils would be reluctant to ask these questions, but the law gave them no choice. Sir Jack Layden, chairman, said that poll tax officers would get dusty answers to some of their questions.

"*The list we have uncovered* proves what we have said all along — the poll tax is a snoopers' charter", he said.

Jobless to be trained in conservation skills

A training project was launched yesterday to help the long-term unemployed in the inner cities (Peter Davenport writes).

Conservation Action Teams are to be formed around the country and run by a section of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, under an initiative by the organization UK 2000. The teams of 90 will tackle conservation projects in inner cities, on the urban fringes and in the countryside. They will learn skills to help them to gain full-time jobs, and understand the environment.

A pilot scheme has been running for three months in Cleveland where recruitment has been concentrated on the St Hilda's housing estate, Middlesbrough. Other projects are planned for Tyneside, Sheffield, Wales, the West Midlands and the Home Counties.

Mr Brian Lymbery, executive director of UK 2000, said he hoped all the schemes would start within the next year. The project was launched nationally from Cleveland by Lord Caithness, Minister of State for the Environment.

'Punitive' tax on crèches reviewed

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

A change in the taxation on crèche facilities, which are treated as a perk and taxed at a higher rate than company cars, is under review by the Government as part of its campaign to persuade employers to introduce childcare provision.

In response to a call from the Institute of Personnel Management to remove crèche facilities from the field of *taxable* benefits, the Department of Employment said the Government's working group on women's issues is studying the tax system.

Ministers are looking at childcare facilities and the effects they may have in recruiting women employees. A Government spokesman said that while it was too soon to comment on specific proposals, the group was reviewing all aspects of policy.

Mr Chris Curson, the institute's vice-president, in a letter to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, warned that the Government's campaign to persuade employers to provide workplace nurseries was in danger of failing if it did not change the tax system.

Mr Fowler is asking employers to introduce them to help to recruit and assist the *return to work of parents* with pre-school age children.

He has told employers that those who fail to do so will be at a disadvantage in recruiting women workers, who will account for up to 800,000 of the 1.1 million growth in the workforce up to 1995.

However, Mr Curson, while welcoming Mr Fowler's remarks, says that most employers cannot afford to set up nurseries because of a "punitive" taxation system.

In some cases the value of a workplace nursery amounts to more than £2,500 a year per place. The Treasury argues that allowing employers to use such a facility free would put them at an advantage in terms of taxation.

But Mr Curson says that the effect is to make workers pay the equivalent to the charges for private nursery places, about £35 to £70 a week.

If the Inland Revenue's present practice is not changed, "exhortations to employers to provide workplace nurseries are going to be of little use", Mr Curson said.

Mr Alistair Graham, director of The Industrial Society, yesterday added his voice to those calling on the Government to provide a real incentive to make childcare affordable to more women who wish to return to work.

He said it was a "scandal" that Britain had only enough childcare places for 1.7 per *cent* of children aged less than five compared with 63 per cent in West Germany, 88 per cent in Italy and 97 per cent for Belgium.

Gainsborough find bought for 'a song'

Two previously unknown pictures by Thomas Gainsborough, bought for a song at an antiques fair in Dublin, go on exhibition today for three months at the painter's birthplace in Sudbury, Suffolk.

They were found by Mr Anthony Mould, a picture dealer in Bond Street, after he had missed his plane home from a fishing holiday in Ireland last July. Browsing round an antiques fair to kill *time, he saw the portraits* of Thomas Butcher and his wife Elizabeth Ives, of Cople, Bedfordshire, probably painted when they visited Bath in 1772.

"They were grimy of course, but the way the portraits were done made me look again. I bought them on a hunch, no more than that, and caught the next flight home. Gainsborough had a distinctive style and I thought these pictures reflected that", he said.

Mr Mould bought them from a furniture dealer for IR£1,600. The dealer purchased them for IR£440 earlier that month at Adams of Blackrock, a Dublin auction house. They had been put in by a branch of the Butcher family which moved to Ireland in the 1920s.

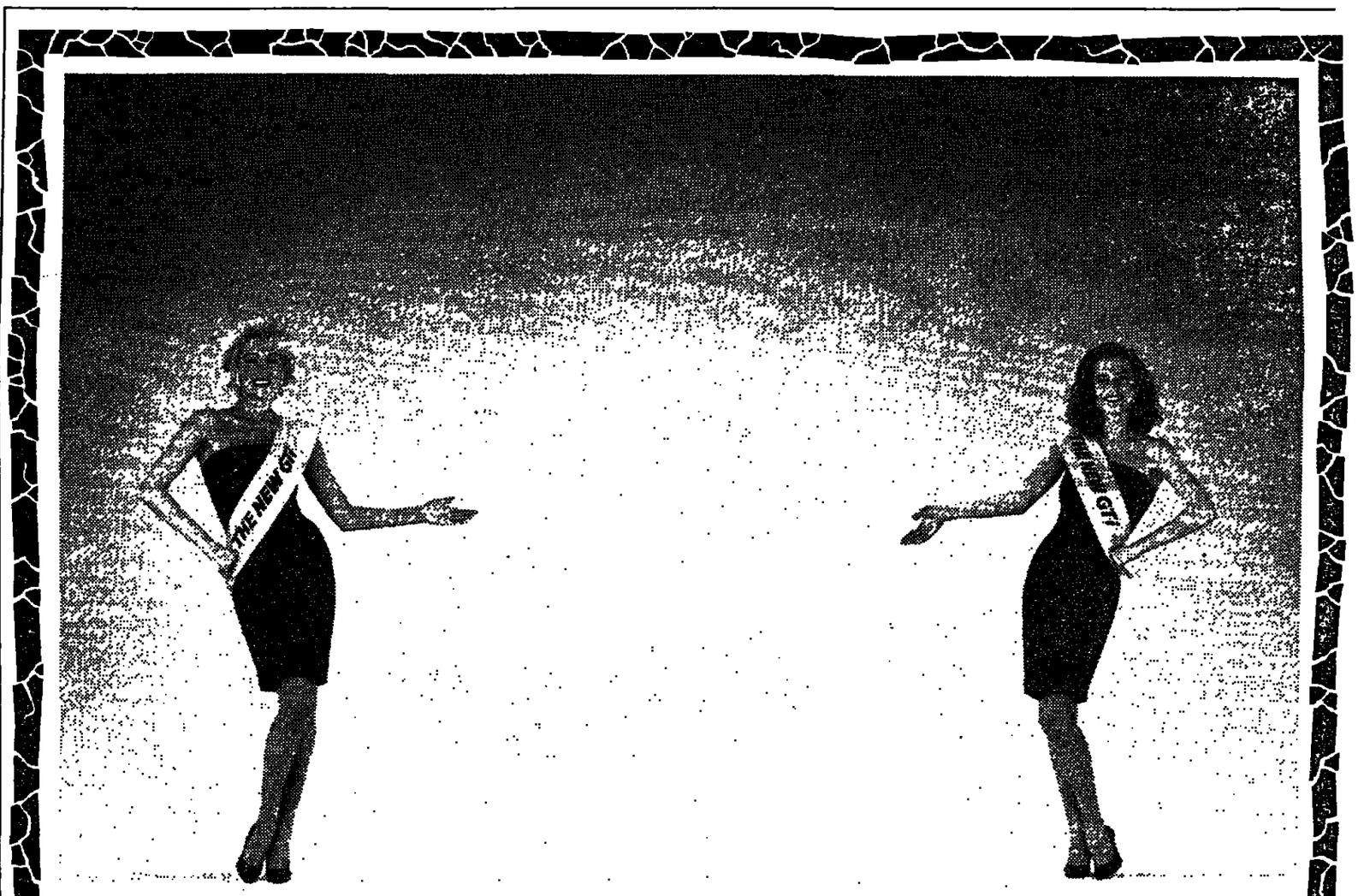
The pictures, 30 inches by 25 inches, have been cleaned and have come up "really well", Mr Mould said. Art trade sources suggest they would be worth £50,000-£60,000 each on the market although a spectacular three-quarter length portrait, Mrs Drummond, dating from 1779, sold for £1.5 million at Sotheby's last year.

Art detective work by Mr Hugh Belsey, curator of Gainsborough's House Museum at Sudbury, and Dr John Hayes, director of the National Portrait Gallery and a leading authority on Gainsborough, established the pictures' authenticity. Butcher's father Robert (circa 1700-88) was painted twice by Gainsborough and the portraits are now in the Prado, Madrid, and the United States.

The elder Butcher was agent-in-chief to the Duke of Bedford, whose family were all painted by Gainsborough (1727-88) during his years in Bath. When the Duke visited the city, hoping the waters would ease his gout, he stayed in the Circus, two doors away from Gainsborough's studio, and Mr and Mrs Butcher's visit to the spa was recorded in two contemporary local newspapers.

Mr and Mrs Andrew Reeves, English members of the Butcher family now living in Gloucestershire, attended the preview yesterday.

The display marks the end of Gainsborough's *bicentenary* year, during which the number of museum visitors has risen from 14,500 in 1987 to 24,000 so far this year.



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World rushes to assist devastated Armenia

Huge relief effort starts after quake

By Anne McElvoy

The flood of domestic and international relief into Armenia began in earnest yesterday with a massive movement of relief workers and material from all over the Soviet Union.

Mr Nikolai Kurnakov, a news announcer at Radio Moscow, said that the workers desperately needed cranes and other lifting gear to help clear rubble. Breaking equipment and trucks were also in short supply.

A television appeal by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, for donations on Thursday evening stimulated an immense response from all over the Soviet Union. The problem which the notoriously slow banking system faces is how to transfer these funds into aid for the victims.

Injured Armenians have been pouring over the borders into neighbouring Georgia and Azerbaijan, the long-standing ethnic conflict between Christian Armenia and Muslim Azerbaijan suspended in face of the tragedy.

"This awful event has liquidated hostility between the two republics," said Mr Kurnakov. "They know that unless they behave well towards each other, many more lives will be lost."

Teams of doctors from Georgia and Moscow, carrying supplies of blood and medicine, have been working round the clock to treat survivors' injuries. Blood remains in extremely short supply despite widespread public response to an appeal for blood donations.

Damage to Leninakan airport was yesterday continuing to hold up rescue operations, with many cargo planes unable to land. Army rescue teams reported that their work had been hampered by lack of gas, water and electricity.

Government administrators have had difficulty finding centres from which to organize the relief effort. "The buildings left standing are all being used to treat the injured," said Mr Kurnakov. "Officials have had to work from train cars and even from planes. It is extremely difficult for them to co-ordinate relief on this scale and in these conditions."

The Soviet Red Cross yesterday appealed to the American Red Cross for emergency shipments of antibiotics and other medical supplies. A spokeswoman said that the organization hoped to move the first batch of supplies from the US over the weekend. She said at least one American air cargo company had offered to fly supplies into Armenia.

The Armenian Assembly of America, the largest group representing Armenians living overseas, has launched a special relief fund. Telephone lines from the United States to Armenia were blocked by worried relatives.

The International Red Cross in Geneva, which is coordinating the international relief effort, said yesterday that it had received requests for antibiotics, syringes and general medical supplies as well as high-energy food supplies.

A Red Cross spokesman said that a plane carrying medical supplies and personnel flew from Hungary into the stricken area yesterday. Bulgarian planes were standing by for permission to fly into Yerevan, the Armenian capital. Western planes have been told to fly via Moscow.

Two planes left from Belgium and The Netherlands last night carrying teams from the Dutch Red Cross and the Paris-based organization Mé

well as medical and food supplies. A third plane leaves from Britain today. The EEC yesterday made available a £350,000 aid package for survivors of the catastrophe.

● MOSCOW: With *Pravda* headlining "Our pain and tragedy" on its front page and television showing soldiers digging for schoolchildren in piles of rubble, Soviet media are covering the devastating earthquake in Armenia with unprecedented detail and urgency (AP reports).

"Helpless, sobbing people are climbing on the wreckage of an apartment house, from which can be heard heart-rending cries for help," *Pravda* reported yesterday, in a dramatic departure from its typical dry reports of Communist Party decrees and speeches. "Powerless, without anything they can do, the living superstitiously run back and forth," the front-page story said.

Driven by destruction that has killed as many as 50,000 people, Soviet authorities are using the media to broadcast urgent appeals for everything from heavy-duty cranes to blood.

Officials also are emphasizing the need for national cooperation in coping with the tragedy, in an attempt to use the disaster to stop the ethnic strife that has killed at least 60 people in Armenia and neighboring Azerbaijan this year and sent 180,000 fleeing their homes in fear of hate-filled mobs. Parts of both republics were being patrolled by soldiers and tanks when the quake hit.

"Reproaches and mutual offenses are thrown away" in the aftermath of such a tragedy, Mr T.A. Kasumov, the Azerbaijani Health Minister, said on national television. "There is a saying among the Azerbaijani people: The pain unites," he said.

"Our hospitals are ready to take patients and wounded from Armenia, and they will be surrounded by special care and attention," Mr Kasumov promised. That would be a stark contrast to recent weeks, when medical care, food supplies and simple safety has been denied to whole neighborhoods of Armenians in Azerbaijan.

Perhaps partially as a result, the focus of much of the Soviet reporting has been on the rescuers rather than the victims.

Television journalists spoke sadly of tens of thousands of dead, but their film showed accordioned and crushed buildings rather than children's mangled bodies. Reporters interviewed officials about the rescue effort instead of grieving parents.

Broadcasters spoke of half the city of Kirovakan being levelled, but they showed no aerial photos indicating the extent of the damage. Nor were there pictures of tent cities being erected to shelter families left homeless by the quake.

Yesterday's reports in the national newspapers were the first to detail the suffering of the victims.

The relative speed of the coverage is also remarkable in a nation which until recently ignored natural disasters.

The earthquake was first reported in one of the most unlikely sources of news on the Soviet Union, the Islamic Republic News Agency of Iran. But shortly thereafter, Soviet seismologists confirmed it to questioning reporters.

Still, it was not until eight hours after the quake hit that Tass called it a disaster.

And it was not until Thursday, when President Gorbachov cut short his trip to New York to oversee relief efforts, that officials began to speak of thousands of dead.



An aerial view of Leninakan yesterday, one of the worst-hit cities in the earthquake, showing houses reduced to rubble. Reports estimate that 75 per cent of the city has been destroyed.

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US aid plane shot down by missile

Paris — A DC7 aircraft, carrying personnel of the US Agency for International Development engaged in spraying huge locust swarms in West Africa, was shot down over Western Sahara on Thursday, killing all five American passengers (Susan MacDonald writes). Another DC7 was hit by a ground-to-air missile but landed in Morocco.

The planes, travelling from Dakar, the Senegalese capital, to Agadir in Morocco, were over the Mauritanian frontier with Western Sahara. A USAID spokesman in Washington said they were inside a civilian air corridor. Polisario rebels, fighting Morocco for control of Western Sahara, refused to comment before contacting their forces.

Iran contacts resume

Britain's only diplomat in Iran, Mr Gordon Pirie, who arrived to take up his post last Sunday, is to hold his first talks with senior Iranian officials today (Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, writes). Whitehall sources said he would meet the Iranian Foreign Ministry's director general for West European affairs, Mr Mahmoud Vaezi. Mr Pirie's top priority will be to obtain access to Mr Roger Cooper and Mr Nicholas Nicola, two Britons held without trial in Tehran's Evin prison.

Pope's peace letter

Rome — In anticipation of the World Day of Peace on January 1, the Pope yesterday published a letter on the subject of the world's minorities (Paul Bompard writes). The main theme is that to build peace, there must be respect for minority populations, cultural and ethnic, in all parts of the world. The 11-page letter says that minorities have inalienable rights within sovereign states, beginning with the right to exist.

Call for flights ban

Bonn — The Social Democratic Opposition yesterday demanded the end of low-level Nato military training flights over West Germany after the crash involving a US Air Force aircraft at Remscheid, near Dusseldorf, on Thursday (John England writes).

The A-10 Thunderbolt ground support aircraft crashed on a housing area killing at least five people. It was the 21st crash by a Nato aircraft in West Germany this year.

Walesa in Paris talks

Paris — Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Polish Solidarity trade union, and Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet human rights activist, flew into Paris yesterday for a historic first meeting as guests of President Mitterrand to mark the 40th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights (Susan MacDonald writes). The Declaration, which was first read out in Paris, was drawn up as a bottom line below which individual human dignity should not fall.

Britain pledges an initial £5m in help

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Mr Chris Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, announced yesterday that £5 million will go immediately from the Government's contingency funds to supply vital equipment to the victims of the Armenian earthquake.

He pledged more help once a clearer picture emerges, and said the £5 million aid to Armenia was the largest initial response to a disaster ever given by the Government.

Ideological differences were buried as the British public responded spontaneously and generously to the Armenians' plight. The Soviet Embassy opened its doors to offers of help and London's Moscow Narodny Bank was overwhelmed with donations. They included a cheque for $200,000 (£117,000) and an offer from an unemployed man to go to Armenia to join the rescue operation.

An embassy official said: "The response is overwhelming. We consider it to be a real gesture of goodwill across such a vast distance. It really reflects that we are united in grief."

Two JCB earth-moving tractors will be flown out of Stansted airport this afternoon. The first Red Cross aircraft was due to leave London's Gatwick airport at 2 am today. It will be laden with medicines, blood bags, gut, blankets and tents from the "disasters" warehouse in Kingsbury, north London, shared by the Government's Overseas Development Administration and the Red Cross.

The supplies plane fulfilled the commitment made by Mrs Thatcher towards the relief operation after President Gorbachov cut short his foreign visit to fly home.

Sixteen members of the International Rescue Corps, who helped in the aftermath of the Mexico earthquake, are also expected to fly out with the supplies. The corps, a privately-run group based in Marlow, Berks, are taking specialized equipment including thermal cameras.

Mr Willie MacMartin, one of the group, from Grangemouth, Scotland, said: "The long and short of it is that we want to save lives. Hopefully we will be able to find people still alive under the rubble."

A special Land Rover is also being flown to the Soviet Union to supply the pure, cooling air needed for thermal imaging equipment after a request from the Army.

The British Red Cross will launch its own appeal this weekend.

Mr Patten said: "We have made it clear that if more is needed, in due course, we will provide that. It will be drawn from the central government contingency funds — not from the existing aid programme."

He emphasized that the supplies sent from Britain would be matched to the Soviet requests.

Other charities and relief organizations, such as Oxfam, did not have facilities in the Soviet Union, Mr Patten said. So all help would be filtered through the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

The Soviet authorities had not at this stage asked for the specially-trained sniffer dogs, who helped detect trapped people in the Mexico disaster in 1985.

The Soviet Ambassador told Armenians gathered outside the embassy that 80,000 people were feared dead and 2,500,000 had lost their homes.

Mr Zamyatin said: "Many people are in hospitals, including children — many children. We need medicine, blood, things to help people live because it's very cold weather — 20 degrees Centigrade below zero last night. People need temporary homes, to save them from the cold."

Mr Ray King, deputy general manager of the Moscow Narodny Bank, said people had started phoning the bank at 6 am with offers of help.

British Telecom is to install extra phone lines at the bank which plans to stay open all weekend to take donations.

Oxfam is accepting cash donations at any Oxfam shop and passing pass them to the Red Cross.

A letter of sympathy has been sent to Mr Gorbachov by the Chief Rabbi of the Commonwealth, Lord Jakobovits. "The Jewish community in the Commonwealth and my European colleagues join me in sharing grief and expressing profound sympathy on the Armenian catastrophe," he wrote.

Apart from firemen with experience of the Mexico disaster, up to 10 doctors and six nurses from the South Manchester Accident Rescue Team based at the city's Withington Hospital, experienced in dealing with "crush syndrome", were preparing to go to Armenia.

Team coordinator, Dr Tony Redmond, said his unit had six experts who could go "at a moment's notice".

British earthquake experts were also preparing to travel to the disaster area to give advice about the rebuilding of the towns and cities.

A team from Bristol University aims to help by assessing why some buildings survived the severe earth tremors which devastated large areas. Its findings can assist in the development of quake-proof structures.

Turkey offers open border to help victims

Ankara (Reuter) — Turkey said yesterday that it would be prepared to open its joint border with Soviet Armenia to provide all possible help and assistance for victims of the massive earthquake.

The quake, which devastated parts of Soviet Armenia on Wednesday, also rippled across wide areas of Turkey's mountainous Kars province, killing at least four people and leaving more than 1,000 homeless.

Two fresh tremors caused panic on Thursday evening in the town of Igdir near the border garrison city of Kars, which has a population of 200,000, newspapers said.

Mr Inal Batu, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said that Turkey was ready to help the Soviet Union in every way following the disaster. "If the transfer of relief supplies over or through Turkey is the most practical way, Turkey will certainly not put up any obstacles.

"This is an humanitarian issue," Mr Batu said.

"Relief aid can be sent by railway through Kars or can be flown over Turkey, but so far no request to send relief supplies over Turkey has come from any third country," he added.

Turkey, a member of Nato, shares a 390-mile border with the Soviet Union.

Mr Batu said that the Turkish Red Crescent relief organization had asked the Soviet Red Cross what help Turkey could give.

A spokesman for Armenia's official news agency said from Moscow by telephone yesterday that more than 100,000 people may have died in the earthquake, which devastated two cities and wiped out an entire town.

Mr Hasan Pakir, the Governor of Kars, told reporters in Turkey that earthquake damage in the province, with a population of 700,000, was estimated at $1.1 million (£590,000).

The earthquake was felt in Turkey up to 300 miles from the epicentre near the Soviet border city of Leninakan.

Tents, blankets, field kitchens and medicine were rushed to Kars and emergency services started in near-freezing conditions to clear rubble.

Weathermen said that conditions in the province, where winter temperatures regularly fall far below freezing, had been clear and relatively mild in recent days. Some villages hit by the earthquake have complained that they lack sufficient tents for the homeless.

Mr Bayram Diktas, the headman of Buyak Balduran village, three miles from the frontier, told Turkish reporters: "I could not even get three tents for the whole village of 120 families.

"Families have erected makeshift homes and are doing their best to keep up daily life by cooking and sheltering beneath them," he said.

Turkey lies on two main earthquake bands and a government survey published this year said that most of its 54 million population and industrial centres were in areas threatened by earthquakes.

These include the commercial centre of Istanbul, which has a population of some six million.

Cold will aid infra-red camera use

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Temperatures of -20°C at night in Armenia have a two-edged effect for the victims of the earthquake and the people trying to rescue them with infra-red cameras.

The cold conditions can make it easier for the heat-seeking cameras, invented by English Electric Valve, to identify a body buried by rubble.

Conversely, the intense cold poses an additional threat of death from hypothermia, as the body temperature drops below normal for the individuals who are trapped by debris.

Yet the equipment, which detects a body by the amount of heat it emits in the form of infra-red radiation, works more efficiently in colder conditions.

The camera can detect a difference of half a degree Centigrade when producing a picture, which is formed by comparing the difference in temperature of infra-red heat from two objects. In ideal conditions, a picture of a face taken at a distance of about 50 yards can show the parts of the nose that are cooled during normal breathing.

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Nato arms package

Shultz urges prompt response by Russia

From Michael Evans and Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

Mr George Shultz, the outgoing US Secretary of State, challenged the Soviet Union and its allies to accept the proposals on conventional arms cuts drawn up by Nato Foreign Ministers in Brussels and to begin working out "appropriate phasing" of the substantial reductions in forces.

Mr Shultz, attending his last meeting of Foreign Ministers, was optimistic that the new conventional arms control talks between Nato and the Warsaw Pact could start soon. "When the opening gong sounds, Nato will be ready with a good set of proposals. I hope the negotiations are very short and that the Soviets and their allies say, 'Gee, they are good proposals, we agree'," he said.

Mr Shultz, speaking at the end of a two-day North Atlantic Council meeting in Brussels, said that Nato's proposal, which involves a 50 per cent cut in the overall number of tanks, artillery and armoured troop carriers deployed in Europe, would improve security significantly in the region.

After over six years as Secretary of State, he said relations between East and West had made such good progress that it was now possible for both sides to accept, not reject as in the past, serious proposals.

He added that this was why the decision by President Gorbachov to withdraw unilaterally thousands of Soviet troops and offensive equipment from Europe should be "taken at face value", without looking for hidden motives.

There was a great deal of substance in Mr Gorbachov's statement although there was "plenty of room" for further cuts, Mr Shultz said.

"That's why we look forward to the negotiations on conventional arms."

Mr Shultz outlined the exact asymmetries that would still be left after the Soviet unilateral cuts: the Warsaw Pact superiority in divisions would be on a ratio of 2.1 to one, compared with Nato; in tanks, 2.18 to one; in artillery, 1.74 to one; and in combat aircraft, three to one.

He also seemed reluctant to share Mrs Thatcher's opinion that the Cold War was now finally over.

He said: "I do like the notion that the Cold War is dead. But there is still tension, there is still a variety of interests. The Berlin Wall is still there. If there is any symbol of the Cold War, that's it."

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, also sounded a cautious note when he was asked about Mr Gorbachov's UN statement.

Sir Geoffrey said that it indicated "an important change of tone on which we should build". But he said it was necessary to maintain a realistic attitude towards Mr Gorbachov's speech and to keep a clear assessment of the military realities that still existed in Europe.

The Foreign Ministers agreed that the alliance should continue to review the security aspects of East-West economic relations.

● **Terrorism plea:** Later Mr Shultz was asked about the recent release by the Greek courts of a bomber, Osama Al Zomar, responsible for an attack on a synagogue in Rome. He replied: "I'm shocked by it."

He said it was important for all countries to join in applying the rule of law to tackle terrorism.

Reagan's festive peace message to media

From Christopher Thomas, Washington



Offering a hand of friendship to Moscow in contrast to his first meeting with the media eight years ago, President Reagan addressing his final White House press conference.

President Reagan ended his final press conference from the East Room of the White House in a reflective mood of appropriate festive season warmth, even compassion, towards the Soviet Union — a far cry from his claim at his first White House press conference eight years ago that Moscow would lie, cheat and steal to achieve its political goals.

Mr Reagan went out of his way to be conciliatory to President Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, declaring that the superpowers were on the "path of peace". Mr Gorbachov, he said, was a new kind of ruler who was creating a more trustworthy and less threatening society.

The press conference was a nostalgic occasion for the White House press corps, which has grown very fond of Mr Reagan. He walked to the podium down a hall festooned with Christmas decorations, then quipped: "We must stop meeting like this."

He faced many personal questions. In reply, he said his toughest moments were "having to order the proud young men and women in the military someplace where their lives are threatened" — an obvious reference to the Marines killed in Beirut five years ago. The most joyous part was "the economic recovery".

Mr Reagan's average of one press conference every two months was much lower than most of his predecessors achieved, perhaps because he never handled the instant recall of facts particularly well.

But his humour shone through on Thursday night. Asked why he had not held more press conferences, he threw up his hands and said: "I couldn't get you together."

As for his talks on Wednesday with Mr Gorbachov, he declared that some "extraordinary" things had happened between the superpowers. But the military reductions promised by the Soviet leader were not sufficient to allow the US to reduce military spending.

"We must remain resolute and without illusion. We must speak candidly about fundamental points of difference. We must especially maintain our military strength, but we must also continue our course of vigorous diplomatic engagement," he declared.

Mr Reagan was wary about Mr Gorbachov's proposals on a ceasefire in Afghanistan and the dispatch of a UN peacekeeping force.

"Remember that there is still a military force in Afghanistan that was organized by the puppet Government established in the Soviet Union," he said.

Afterwards, one of many reporters who are leaving the White House beat for new assignments, Mr Sam Donaldson of ABC News, recalled that Mr Reagan's 48 press conferences had contained "ignorance, irrelevance, some substance — but, above all, wonderful quotes".

Sudan famine relief

Airlift pilots run gauntlet at Juba

From Andrew Buckoke, Juba

Whatever hopes there may be for an end to the five-year civil war in Sudan, the Hercules pilots flying food into the former southern capital of Juba are taking no chances.

The classic approach to the airport remains a tight six-turn corkscrew, keeping out of range of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). Every safe landing, and there have been nearly 200 since the emergency airlift began on October 26, allows the 250,000 hungry people in Juba a further respite from mass starvation.

Even though the flights from Entebbe and Nairobi, funded by the United Nations, Catholic Relief Services, Lutheran World Federation and other agencies, have brought in about 3,500 tonnes of food, agency personnel here estimate that stocks would last for less than three weeks.

● The war killed what could have been a record harvest ●

The airlift is currently the sole source of supply for the town, but funds have only been committed for a further 10 flights. The agencies expect to raise money for more, but if one of the flights into Juba is hit, or one of the simultaneous sorties into other blockaded southern towns and rebel-held areas by the International Committee of the Red Cross since December 4 fails, the whole operation could stop.

A single rebel could hold the fate of thousands and the future of the fragile peace process in his hands. Though SPLA radio has instructed its units in southern Sudan not to shoot at relief planes, military aircraft are still targets and neither the discipline nor education of many of the rebels is renowned. Until the ceasefire predicted in Khartoum is in place, the SPLA is determined to keep Juba's traditional road supply route from Uganda via the town of Yei closed. A convoy of 25 trucks is expected any time, but it has been attacked six times, and took four days to travel the first 40 miles from Yei.

The last convoy to bring an appreciable amount of food arrived in September. As a result, Juba faced the abyss by mid-October. Many of the displaced tribespeople from the surrounding camps sought refuge in the town's schools and other open spaces. In places the road sides are covered with dried excrement. The normal residents in the crumbling centre could not afford the few supplies hoarded by the Arab traders. Even today, 2lb of maize flour costs more than £1, if you can find it, and an average monthly salary is £10.

The flights to Juba have averted the threat of a complete breakdown of society, by allowing an 11oz daily ration to the displaced, and rationed sales of heavily subsidized grain through co-operatives to the townspeople.

But in camps such as Lolugo, which houses 25,000 people, nearly all the children are malnourished, 20 per cent severely.

All around the *tukuls* (thatched huts) at Lolugo stand the accusing fingers of millet seed pods, waving in the hot breeze above the healthy plants. It could have been a record harvest in the south this year if the war had not stopped people planting their lands. The tiny acreage per person at Lolugo does little more than show what could have been achieved.

Most people remain deeply pessimistic about the future. Even if there is a peace agreement, they ask, will the Muslim, Arab north stop trying to dominate the mainly

● The fate of nearly three million people remains unknown ●

Christian, African south or ever care for its people rather than the land?

The estimated total population for the south was six million. About 2.5 million have fled to northern Sudan or Ethiopia, while approximately 500,000 remain in government garrison towns.

The fate of nearly three million remains unknown, though some people estimate as many as a million have died. Even if a ceasefire were declared today, it would take months to learn the truth. Most of the roads in the south are mined, most of the bridges blown up or washed away.



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Politician tipped to lead Japan is first Cabinet casualty

Share scandal topples Finance Minister

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo



A depressed Mr Miyazawa answering a question at a Tokyo press conference yesterday after announcing his resignation.

Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, resigned yesterday, the first Cabinet casualty of Japan's deepening share trading scandal.

The timing of his departure, long demanded by Opposition MPs, was as spontaneous as a performance of *Swan Lake*. Each step of his fall from grace has been carefully choreographed.

Mr Miyazawa, who is 69, finally went when the political horse-traders of his ruling Liberal Democratic Party had been offered a high enough price for his scalp; the Opposition's co-operation in nudging through Parliament a package of controversial tax reforms on which Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Prime Minister, has staked his own future.

"I did not want to stand in the way of debate of the tax reform Bills in Parliament, so I resigned," Mr Miyazawa told reporters yesterday morning. "I can leave confident that what needs to be done will be done."

Wasting little time, the Liberal Democratic Party was doing what needed to be done. Debate on its tax Bills, which had ground to a halt as Opposition MPs nagged the Finance Minister about his questionable share dealings in the Recruit property company, resumed within hours.

It was a grim end to a career that, until recently, promised to lead Mr Miyazawa to the premiership.

That job might have been a more fitting climax to the life of one of Japan's brightest and most imaginative politicians.

As Finance Minister of the world's biggest creditor nation, he was probably better known abroad than Mr Takeshita, whose political beliefs are often a mystery to his own colleagues. Mr Takeshita would have liked to keep the suddenly troublesome Mr Miyazawa in place, at least until a forthcoming Cabinet reshuffle, but he was overtaken by events.

The Prime Minister's decision to take on the finance portfolio until the tax Bills are safely enacted creates uncertainty about Japan's financial steering at a time when world currency markets are far from calm.

The jitteriness was immediate in Tokyo, where the dollar fell as foreign exchange dealers worried whether international resolve to support the US currency would go with Mr Miyazawa.

In just a few weeks the once haughty Mr Miyazawa has shrunk into a sad, even pathetic figure, blinking into the television cameras like a rabbit caught in a car's headlights. Behind a forced smile he looks like a man who is asking himself again and again: "How could it have come to this?"

Mr Miyazawa's involvement in the six-month-old Recruit scandal is probably no messier than that of many of his Cabinet colleagues, whose aides and relatives also bought bargain-priced stock in the real estate company.

Japanese aides often act in such a capacity for their MPs, relatives not so often.

The shares, which were sprinkled among top civil servants and businessmen as well, soared when the company was later floated, handing Mr Miyazawa, or his aide, a windfall profit of £100,000.

Mr Miyazawa's downfall was quickened by his clumsiness and delay in explaining how his, and not his aide's, name appeared on the stock transactions.

He still denies profiting personally from the share purchases. The Japanese public, which cut its teeth on the Lockheed bribes scandal of 1976, is rarely surprised at the financial shenanigans of its politicians.

It knows that politics is expensive and that businessmen, like Recruit's ambitious former boss, Mr Hiromase Ezoe, are always willing to lend a hand. In Japan, that is business as usual.

But it came to have little respect for a man who, for all his brains, was forced to change his story almost daily to make it fit the evidence that Opposition MPs were unravelling. Some of Mr Miyazawa's colleagues and some of the press have also been guilty of *schadenfreude*.

In a country which thinks in groups, Mr Miyazawa was a loner. Both as Finance Minister and, before that, as Foreign Minister, he ran his own show and kept his civil servants in the dark.

He confided in almost no one. Silly questions from journalists were met with scornful laughter.

Even Mr Takeshita and the Liberal Democratic Party's Secretary-General, Mr Shintaro Abe, are cowed by his aloof manner. What happens next? The Government, which has resisted Mr Miyazawa's resignation if only because it raises doubts about the behaviour of other ministers who also have been favoured by Recruit, is hoping that the Finance Minister will satisfy the lions.

Mr Takeshita has lost three Cabinet ministers in his first year in office. His Government's popularity is at an all-time low. He cannot afford too much more heat in the kitchen.

Against this, Mr Miyazawa's exit removes one of the strongest rivals to Mr Takeshita for the Liberal Democratic Party's leadership. Also, Mr Takeshita is not going out of his way to silence political commentators who are suggesting that Recruit's most breathtaking palm-greasing took place in 1984 and 1986, when Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone was Prime Minister.

Mr Nakasone's aides and Cabinet members are said to have done very well out of their dealings in Recruit shares.

These political commentators, whose voices are growing louder, feel it is a matter of time before the spotlight shifts to Mr Nakasone, who still harbours dreams of returning.

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UN offer puts Angola pact back on course

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The last-minute dispute which stalled a peace agreement for Angola and Namibia was said yesterday to have been resolved, clearing the way for a signing ceremony next month.

Brigadier Tony Decosta, a senior official of Unita, the South African and American-backed rebel army in southern Angola, said in London that a solution to Pretoria's objections had been found.

The South Africans walked out of a meeting in Brazzaville which had been expected to conclude an American-brokered agreement between Angola, Cuba and South Africa.

The four parties had agreed to a timetable for Cuban withdrawal from Angola, linked to an agreement under which Namibia would proceed to independence from South Africa over a seven-month period under United Nations supervision.

At the last moment Pretoria objected that there was no adequate arrangement to verify the Cuban withdrawal. Angola's MPLA Marxist Government was to have provided weekly reports on the withdrawal, an arrangement unacceptable to Pretoria.

But Brigadier Decosta, who is seen as Unita's equivalent of a foreign minister, said that after the Brazzaville meeting Mr Chester Crocker, the US mediator, worked out arrangements with the MPLA for the Cuban withdrawal to be monitored by a United Nations team.

He said this was put to Pretoria and was accepted, and that a signing ceremony had been fixed for January 15, probably in New York. The details of the UN team had not yet been announced, but he hoped that the British would participate.

The South African Government has not confirmed such an arrangement, but Brigadier Decosta is likely to be well informed. He held talks with Mr Crocker's officials last week and is also in contact with Pretoria.

He said that South Africa's withdrawal from the Brazzaville talks took place after a visit to Pretoria by a senior Unita delegation which expressed strong concern on the verification issue. Until then the South Africans appeared not to have noticed what Unita regarded as a serious flaw in Mr Crocker's plan.

Unita is not involved in the quadripartite talks, but Brigadier Decosta said there had been no fighting between its forces and the Cubans for two months. This followed a meeting between Unita leaders and members of the Cuban Politburo held in Ivory Coast in August. "This led to a truce, a non-signed ceasefire or gentleman's agreement," he said.

He added that last week he held informal talks in Lisbon with two members of the MPLA's Central Committee, who he declined to name. They agreed, he claimed, that "the presence of the Cubans is the sole obstacle to peace," he said.

But while Brigadier Decosta envisages a government in which both the MPLA and Unita would participate, followed by open elections and a new Constitution, observers are more sceptical.

One view is that the two sides will lose their outside sponsors but will remain strong enough to continue a low-level civil war which neither will have any prospect of winning. In another development, Unita announced that it was increasing the size of its London office and seeking its first meeting with a British minister.

But the Foreign Office later reaffirmed its policy of refusing to hold ministerial meetings with Unita. Brigadier Decosta was granted only a meeting with a junior official yesterday afternoon.

"The British are the key figures for us," he said. In the talks Unita has two allies — the US and South Africa.

"We want Britain to advise the Americans and to influence the African Commonwealth countries to help bring about peace," the Brigadier said.

Britain has never given direct aid to Unita but has provided discreet political support.

Johannesburg — Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, is still a prisoner and will not be allowed far from his new home, a house in prison grounds, Mr Kobie Coetsee, the South African Minister of Justice, indicated yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes).

Mrs Winnie Mandela has said she will not accept the Government's offer to visit her husband "more freely and on a continual basis". She will continue to see him once a month for 40 minutes as she was allowed to do when he was behind bars "until all political prisoners have the same privileges".

Japanese whalers setting sail into Antarctic storm

By Joe Joseph in Tokyo and Anne McElvoy in London

A controversial Japanese whaling team which plans to capture and kill 300 minke whales for research is due to leave Japan for the Antarctic in the next few days, despite threats of American trade sanctions if it sets sail.

In a move likely to confirm the suspicions of the US Government and the anti-whaling lobby, Japan is also preparing to sell 1,000 tonnes of the meat taken during research whaling last year.

The Tokyo-based Institute of Cetacean Research, which runs Japan's whaling programme, said this week that the proceeds from the sale would help to pay for this year's research. Mr Takehiro Takayama, the institute's secretary, said he hoped to sell the whale meat in time for the New Year celebrations. Whale meat is a delicacy eaten in Japan at times of celebration and has great rarity value as a result of the international whaling embargo. Local authorities and restaurants are already fighting over the catch.

The Japanese are anxious to resume hunting minke whales, the smallest of the Antarctic variety, next year, and believe that a thorough study would support their claim that the Antarctic stocks of 400,000 to 500,000 are sufficient to support commercial whaling.

A three-year moratorium on whaling, hard-won by the conservationist lobby, is due for review in 1989. The United States has warned Japan that if it resumes commercial whaling, Washington will bar the import of Japanese fish products.

Under the terms of the moratorium, the Japanese are entitled to capture whales for scientific research. The whales killed for research are then sold for their meat and products, which anti-whaling organizations say makes the research a front for continued commercial whaling. A resolution passed by the International Whaling Commission last year condemned some aspects of the proposed research techniques, but the Japanese Government nevertheless issued a permit for the project.

On Tuesday, Mr William Verity, the US Secretary of Commerce, accused Japan of ignoring American and IWC concerns.

Japan claims that, in order to obtain a thorough survey of the feeding habits and average age of the minke whale, it is necessary to kill a sample, and that the results will lead to better management of whale stocks. Dr John Harwood, head of the Cambridge-based Sea Mammal Research Unit, said he was sceptical about whether the cull was really necessary.

A spokeswoman for Greenpeace said that the research was "scientifically not viable". She claimed that the sample of 300 whales was far too small to yield any reliable conclusions. "The research has been flawed from the beginning. It is a front to keep the whaling fleets in business and stimulate market demand for whale products," she said.

The organization is considering taking obstructive action in the Antarctic to prevent the catch going ahead.

Clampdown on pornography

Rome court curbs sex videos

From Paul Bompard, Rome

Italy's thriving pornographic industry has been dealt a severe blow, and thousands of retailers, producers and importers, not to mention performers, may soon be out of business.

On Tuesday, the Constitutional Court here ruled that anyone selling, renting or buying pornographic videos would be liable to up to three years in prison and a fine of at least 200,000 lire (£85).

The pornographic cassette business has been booming. With more than 5,000 shops nationally, from the busy shopping streets of Milan to the primitive pastures of inland Sicily, would-be viewers could be fairly sure of finding a local outlet.

Even perfectly respectable news-stands were allowed to sell cinematographic milestones such as *Hot Lunch, Boiling Point*, and even *Warm Carnal Vibrations*. Italy's video cassette market is estimated at around 200 billion lire a year, of which a good 40 per cent is pornographic. Hard-core videos are almost part of the national culture, and in many respectable homes it would be quite normal to find *Brigitte the Insatiable* on the shelf next to *Casablanca* and cartoons.

Hard-core actresses such as Moana Pozzi and Ramba, who performs wearing cartridge belts and little else, have become household names, familiar even to housewives and children.

Cicciolina, alias Ilona Staller, was elected to Parliament on the basis of her fame as a pornography star.

Signor Maurizio Guatteri, president of the National Video Renters' Union, complained: "I am afraid that about 3,000 shops in Italy will be in serious difficulties. We have to defend ourselves. We are already thinking of a symbolic cassette-burning in the public square." Cicciolina is preparing an appeal in Parliament against the Constitutional Court decision, while continuing to work for more liberal legislation on pornography.



Cicciolina: Charged with violating public morality.

But she has her own troubles, having been accused of violating public morality by climbing on the statue of a horse in Venice, wearing only a few transparent veils. Parliament has waived her immunity as an MP and given the go-ahead for prosecution.

The first seizure of pornographic cassettes has already been carried out. On Wednesday in Milan, police raided a video shop and seized 5,000 hard-core cassettes. The owners, Signor Aldo Goglio and Signorina Maria Paola Rolando, were arrested.

How rigorously the police will act on the court's ruling remains to be seen, and it is possible that an Italian compromise of closing an eye may be adopted rather than putting thousands of people out of business. But the era of ultra-liberal distribution of pornographic videos seems over. Fans of hard core need not despair — they can still see the same films at cinemas.

Sri Lanka arrests radicals

Colombo — A number of Sri Lankan radical students who had a secret meeting with British High Commissioner, Mr David Gladstone, were arrested by the security forces this week, informed sources said (Vijitha Yapa writes).

The students, sympathetic to the Marxist Sinhala group, the People's Liberation Front, were apprehended near the University of Peradeniya.

Gunned down

Nairobi (AFP) — Three members of the ruling Kenya African National Union's youth wing were shot dead and three others critically wounded by gangsters.

Hijack alarm

Chandigarh (Reuter) — A massive Indian police hunt across Punjab for a bus at first believed to have been seized by Sikh militants ended when the would-be hijacker fled.

Avalanche toll

Zurich (Reuter) — Ski resort workers using explosives to clear dangerous masses of snow started an avalanche that killed a Swiss skier, aged 20, in the Titlisberg area.

Spying link

Canberra (AFP) — Australia will share intelligence from its new Geraldton satellite spy base with the US and New Zealand, Mr Kim Beazley, the Defence Minister, said.

Dogs found

Agen (Reuter) — French detectives discovered 40 frozen dead dogs at the home of a breeder suspected of links to a dog-smuggling and vivisection ring, judicial sources said.

New ministers

Bonn (Reuter) — Two new West German ministers, Herr Helmut Haussmann (economics) and Frau Ursula Lehr (family and health) were sworn in before Parliament.

Love's labour

Paris (AFP) — Sixty per cent of French people believe that their compatriots overwork and are in too much of a hurry to spare time for love-making, according to an opinion poll.

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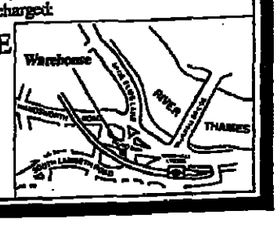
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SIMON BARNES

This has always been the column that loves non-League football: all that is most interesting and worthwhile comes not from the summits but from the cellarage of the game. Well, anything we can do, the Italians can do with brio. Take, for example, a "second category" game between Campi Salentina and Erchie last weekend. The Salentina manager was sent off — for smoking a cigar on the bench. Meanwhile, in a highfaluting first category game between Verrone and Borgosesia the referee was knocked out by one of his linesmen. At this level it is customary for a neutral ref to be supported by two linesmen, one from each of the contesting clubs. Verrone's man on the line, Aurelio Carbonin, disagreed with a decision by the referee, Giovanni Cominoli, so he walked on to the pitch and laid him out. Cominoli was knocked unconscious, a massed brawl followed, and the game was abandoned and awarded to Borgosesia. The linesman has been banned for four years.

You will be agog to hear more of mighty Westfield of the Danair Combined Counties League, the fortunate favourite of this column. They got beaten 4-1 at home by Frimley Green in the Concours Challenge Trophy last Saturday, and are now out of all cup competitions. But let us be positive: "At least we can concentrate on the league now," said their secretary, Dick Hill. Westfield, who have one point this season, are today in with a red-hot chance of achieving their first win for two seasons. They play Ash United, their opponents in the recent 2-2 triumph, when Westfield notched their only point of the season. Westfield also have a new star, Paul Hampshire, signed from Godalming Town. He has scored twice in four games, which is unprecedented.

As we build up to the clash of the titans on Christmas Eve, when Westfield play Chobham in the bottom-of-the-table cruncher, Chobham have still failed to score a single point. Their record is played 14, lost 14, goals scored 4, goals conceded 46. I fear for Chobham, I really do.

I wrote recently of a skier who surrendered a gold medal in women's skiing, because at the time of victory she/he was a man. Sir Arthur Gold, chairman of the British Olympic Association, tells me of Dorothy Tyler, whose world record high jump was ratified 13 years after she had set it. Tyler, in her maiden name of Odam, cleared 5ft 5 3/8in in May 1939. She claimed a world record, but German athletic authorities said that Dora Ratchen had cleared 5ft 6 7/8in the previous September. But just after that, Ratchen re-registered as a male, under the name of Herman. Anyone called Herman is obviously ineligible to hold a woman's record. Tyler finally received her world record plaque in 1952. She was still an active athlete after tying for first place in the Berlin Olympics in 1936 when only 16, and again at Wembley in 1948, she was in the British Olympic team in Melbourne in 1956.

As the Lancashire members prepare to vote today on the vexed issue of allowing women into the pavilion, this column would like to squash a fallacy. It is often said that women are *never* allowed into the Lord's pavvy, and never have been. But this proud boast is wholly misplaced: a photograph of the pavilion, taken in 1918, clearly shows five women watching cricket. George V and Lord Hawke, president of the MCC, were also there, watching the match between England and the Dominions. But who were these women of mystery?

BARRY FANTONI



'I'm told the original was bought by a Japanese months ago'

This column unhesitatingly awards the red badge of courage to a newly-formed football club in the Netherlands. It is called FC Gay, and is exclusively for homosexual players. "There are a lot of gay footballers who can't talk about their sexuality because most players are so negative about homosexuals," said the club's organizer, Gerard van Reijsen. "Our aim is to give gay players a chance to meet and share their problems and to encourage hetero players to accept homosexuality."

It is nice to know that in the field of lunatic endeavour at least, the Brits still lead the world. Last Wednesday the Sibun Splash Expedition left for Belize. The two officers and four men from the 14th/20th King's Hussars are to attempt an 80-mile descent by canoe of the Sibun River. The expedition's sponsor, Tom Shaw, a former member of the regiment who runs the Mopan Hotel in Belize, plans to visit them on foot for Christmas dinner on the river bank. He will take with him Christmas puddings donated by Harrods.

You may recall my recent mention of Eric Hollies's dismissal of Don Bradman. Mr H.A. Shaw writes to tell me of Billy Hollies, Eric's father. Mr Shaw recalls Hollies père playing for Old Hill in the Birmingham and District League in the late 1920s and early '30s, mostly for the second XI, but sometimes for the first team. Hollies was a bowler — and he bowled underarm. He was the only underarm bowler anyone had heard of at the time, and Mr Shaw wonders if he was the last underarm bowler to bowl regularly in any serious level of cricket.

Niall MacDermot salutes a 40-year campaign for human rights

Pressure on oppression

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations 40 years ago today, has led to a revolution in international law. Before the Second World War, the way a state treated its own citizens was a purely domestic matter. No other state had the right to intervene except when its own nationals were involved. And private individuals had no status in international law — only a state could take action against another state.

Hitler's atrocities persuaded the UN that all this should change. Gross violations of human rights are now accepted as a matter of legitimate concern for other states, and in many cases private individuals now have the right to individual petition under international law.

How effective have these changes been? A major step forward in the promotion of human rights occurred in the United States during President Carter's administration. Congress began writing clauses into its development aid legislation imposing sanctions against recipient states which seriously violated human rights. This led not only the US government, but almost all governments, to make human rights an important element in their foreign policy.

A large number of international non-governmental human rights organizations (NGOs) sprang up, ready to expose human rights violations. No fewer than 113 such organizations from all over the world attended this year's meeting of the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva.

The work of NGOs is crucial. Governments are still chary of publicly condemning violations in other countries. They have to balance their interest in human rights against other foreign policy considerations. So it falls largely upon NGOs to denounce violations publicly. This can lead in turn to discreet but effective pressure by governments. They can refer to the indignation aroused in their own country and say, "We do not want to interfere in your internal affairs, but this has become an internal affair for us and is affecting our relations with you."

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) had direct proof of this when six lawyers in Greece were being tortured under the Greek dictatorship. It sent three respected lawyers from the US and Canada to investigate. Their widely published report enabled the US government to intervene privately, and within a few weeks the six were released.

The ICJ also became involved in the treatment of mental patients in Japan. In 1983 it was approached by a group of lawyers and psychiatrists who had tried unsuccessfully to persuade their government that its mental health law was antiquated medically and unjust legally. An exceptionally large number of involuntary hospital patients were being admitted simply on the advice of two doctors and with family consent. There was no right of appeal, no review body, and no communication with the outside world. The result was an enormous number of hospital patients, who remained in hospital for an average of eight years. With modern psychiatric treatment most patients are released within a few months.

The ICJ published an article denouncing these abuses in hospitals. It raised the matter before the UN sub-commission. It sent a mission of distinguished psychiatric and legal experts to examine the Japanese system and make recommendations. Finally it pointed out to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the law and practice violated Article 9 of the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, in that the patients were being deprived of their liberty without a right of appeal to a court. Anxious to save Japan's reputation, the Foreign Ministry was able to persuade the Health Ministry to amend the law.

A far more dramatic case arose from the "disappearances", running at more than 100 a month, in Argentina during the military regime. Reports by a number of missions sent by NGOs were dismissed by the regime as communist-inspired propaganda. But the reports led to an official mission by the intergovernmental human rights commission of the Organization of American States, which came to the same findings. This the junta could not ignore, and the disappearances virtually ceased.

Though the Universal Declaration is not binding on the countries that support it, more than 60 international human rights instruments have since come into existence. Some are binding covenants or treaties; the others are declarations which have an important persuasive force.

Under many of the treaties, a committee of independent experts monitors the performance by member states of their treaty obligations. These states have to submit a report on the action they have taken to fulfil their obligations, and reply to questions by the committee. This applies, among others, to the two major UN covenants on civil and political, and on economic, social and cultural rights, which have been ratified respectively by 87 and 92 states.

The UN Commission on Human Rights has developed other monitoring procedures which help to bring pressure on offending governments. These include a confidential procedure for examining situations of gross violations of human rights, the appointment of special rapporteurs who report on the situation of human rights in a particular state, and theme rapporteurs or working groups on issues such as disappearances, summary executions, torture and religious intolerance.

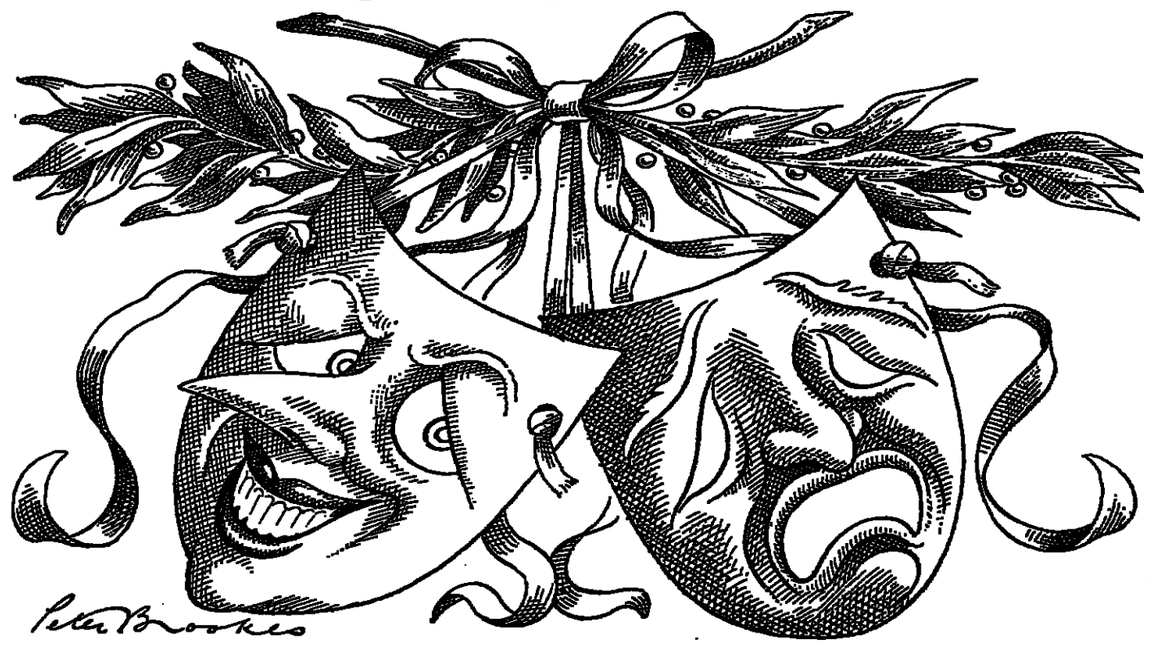
There are therefore many means in international law for bringing pressure on offending governments. These procedures do not apply to all countries, but the number of states accepting them grows slowly but steadily. Without the Universal Declaration they would never have come into existence.

With all this ammunition at their disposal, governments and NGOs can now bring strong pressure to bear. Sometimes governments will impose economic sanctions, but more usually it is simply a matter of shaming the offender into taking action. This may seem feeble, but it is surprisingly effective. Governments of all complexions are remarkably sensitive about their reputations abroad.

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Arnold Goodman

This tragedy for the arts



The Arts Council is in the news and I am afraid that it is my fault. In a newspaper interview some days ago I expressed the view that appointments in the arts were now being restricted to people holding right-wing views.

I received this information from reliable sources in the present government. Although I can understand its political motives, such action runs counter to the fundamental principle that organizations such as the Arts Council should be at arms length from the government. As soon as that principle is breached, the Arts Council loses its *raison d'être*.

It cannot be a matter of surprise that a government which expresses its political opinions with religious fervour is reluctant to promote its political opponents, or those indeed of questionable orthodoxy, to any positions of importance. But although this is a fact of nature, it is deplorable.

It is no use harking back to the glorious days of my friend Lady Lee, the first minister for the arts, whose impeccable concern for political impartiality in relation to the arts existed in a totally different climate of opinion. Nor will politicians fail to remember that Jennie Lee was the only Labour candidate to lose her seat in the 1970 election — a result of the propaganda put out by her adversary that her concern for artistic elitism at Covent Garden and like patrician establishments exceeded her concern for the housing problems of her working-class constituency.

There is, alas, a strong belief among the less educated members of the right — and the new entry into Parliament contains a significant number of young men of whom culture is not a paramount qualification — that the votaries of the arts are dangerous liberals in the sense in which Mr George Bush used the word. This view is unjustified but is held with doctrinaire determination in the same way as the belief that the BBC contains a terrifying number of card-carrying communists.

But doctrinaire beliefs in relation to the arts are not restricted to the right. In 1972 I relinquished the chairmanship of the Arts Council and later became chairman of the newly-formed Association for the Business Sponsorship of the Arts. Eyebrows among some of my previous colleagues were raised. Such an appointment was thought to be inconsistent with the pure faith that support for the arts should be exclusively a national concern and financed by the nation. But this, I knew, was a Utopian ideal; there was no country, however generously disposed to the arts, which would meet all financial needs and demands.

Hence I unashamedly held the view that what one could garner from the private sector was as good money as might come from official sources. *Pecunia non olet*. The left-wing doctrinaires asserted that business finance had special dangers for the arts, particularly of unwarranted interference with the artistic integrity of the performing organization.

I remained the chairman of ABSA until last week and in that time I never encountered a single case where a sponsoring body attempted to interfere with the artistic quality of the performance that was being sponsored. The dark fears that the sponsor would wish to substitute Gilbert and Sullivan for Wagner in an opera house, that he would insist on happy endings being substituted for the originals in *Romeo and Juliet* or *Hamlet* have turned out to be wholly baseless. ABSA has been an enormous success. It has succeeded in encouraging a significant number of commercial organizations to sponsor a very wide variety of artistic events.

That is not to say that further support is not necessary. It is a sad fact that the condition of the arts, and particularly of artists, in this country has remained virtually unimproved since, in my last Arts Council report in May 1972, I produced a catalogue of necessary improvements and changes that by and large remain unfulfilled to this day.

There have been a few relatively minor improvements. A public lending right of a Scrooge-like character is now in place; in a few cases pension schemes have been introduced for the employees of theatres and opera houses. But the unsatisfactory situation is perhaps best illustrated by one example. At this moment the Hallé Orchestra — a Manchester glory of many generations — remains under the threat of liquidation because of a shortfall of £300,000 in the year. Manchester is a rich city. This country is indeed a rich country. It will be a lasting reproach if the money is not found quickly.

We should feel nothing but shame about the continuing mental torment inflicted on volunteer boards comprising people with a high sense of civil responsibility concerned only to foster art, music or drama within their local community. Time and again I have urged on the paymasters that they should not torture such people by ensuring that the money supplied is just short of what is needed. The fault of these shortcomings is not with the Arts Council, of whom there have been three chairmen since my departure, nor with the arts ministers. In each case chairman and minister have had the most virtuous and energetic determination to make better provision for the arts and artists. The fault lies with a government that is oblivious to the importance of the need to finance the arts.

There is still hardly a major town that has a proper theatre, the number of custom-built concert halls can be counted on the fingers of one hand and the Edinburgh Festival — in some ways the most important arts festival in Europe — still lacks proper premises to display its wares. The regions point to London as over-privileged in the arts. It is true that we now have a brand new concert hall at the Barbican and that we are privileged to have the Albert Hall, the Festival Hall and the tiny Wigmore Hall. We have a national theatre — one of the best in the world — and there are some 30 or more other theatres, most of which — I can speak with feeling on this subject — have their seating appropriate for the human trunk only, disregarding the girth.

But, except for Croydon, the whole of Greater London outside the West End is almost totally devoid of any establishment purveying culture. Theatres in other suburbs have almost without exception been closed for want of support. There is no justification for the complaint that London has been pampered in such matters.

Although I now believe that private sponsorship has vindicated itself, the figures do not demonstrate that it is ever likely to be regarded as a substitute for public support. And sadly, private subsidy has added to the increasing unpopularity of the Arts Council.

Organizations seeking support are now (sensibly) urged by the Arts Council to apply to tycoons whom they do not know in circumstances where they can feel uncomfortable in making the approach. They are familiar with the Arts Council, which exists for the purpose of giving money to the arts — even though a great number of applicants must receive discouraging replies. But in seeking money from banks, insurance companies or great industries they view themselves as suppliants in quest not of something that is due to them as of right but which is given to them as a charitable donation. This is indeed a foolish sensitivity but it exists on a wide scale. The danger is that the more unpopular the Arts Council becomes within the arts world itself, the easier it will be for the government to undermine its position.

The Arts Council is recognized throughout the world as a constitutional innovation which monitors and distributes public subsidy with an impartiality and skill unequalled elsewhere, up to now totally free from political influence. It would be a tragedy if a sensible necessity to find money elsewhere should bring damage to this institution or even its demise.

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Commentary • PETER BRIMELOW

All tax cutters now

New York

Shortly after I first arrived in America to attend Stanford University in 1970, I became sufficiently apoplectic about the prevailing political pieties (and bored by my MBA course-work) to write a piece for a campus newspaper ridiculing a student columnist who had been pontificating about Ulster.

I said that he misunderstood the problem: there were two nations in Ireland, the Irish and the Ulster Protestants — known to American immigration history with useful accuracy as the "Scotch-Irish" — and no tinkering reforms could palliate their fundamental disagreement on the essential issue of sovereignty. In the years since then I have, alas, been able to recycle this piece many times.

What distinguished that occasion was that I was immediately contacted by a visiting economist at the Hoover Institution, the tower of which loomed over our business school building (American universities love to have a tower on their campuses in imitation of the Campanile in Venice), but which might otherwise have been a million miles away. The Hoover Institution was emerging as a centre of conservative intellectual activity in an academic milieu otherwise completely owned by the political left. The economist was Paul Craig Roberts, an intense Southerner with staring blue eyes and a beautiful English wife.

Roberts was attracted by the ruthless radicalism of my diagnosis. Subsequently, as I followed his work and he kept in touch with efficient one-sentence letters, I realized the argument had touched a deep chord in his nature. Eventually, in the disconcerting way that friends of your youth have, Roberts emerged as economic counsel to Congressman Jack Kemp and architect of the original Kemp-Roth tax bill, the foundation of the Reagan tax-cut programme.

After a spell in the US Treasury, Roberts is now a professor at Georgetown University and head of the Institute for Political Economy in Washington. British readers can watch him at work in *Supply Side Economics. Theory and Results: An Assessment of the American Experience in the 1980s*, a pamphlet recently issued in London by the Institute of Economic Affairs.

Roberts offers an unflinching defence of the tax-cut programme. He falls upon popular misconceptions with an angry roar and a gnashing of statistics. Much economic discourse is simply a rationalization of political prejudice, and this is particularly the case when a national boundary intervenes, as it does between America and Britain. Reading Roberts is a short, sharp and salutary shock to lazy anti-Americanism — the sentiment may remain, but the arguments will have to be more careful.

A few of the massacred misconceptions: Roberts shows that the Reagan administration never claimed the tax cuts would pay for themselves. The US budget deficit did deteriorate more than projected — but because spending rose, not because revenues fell. This spending increase, Roberts argues, was automatically triggered under existing law by the 1982 recession. And the recession was a consequence of the Federal Reserve's unexpectedly drastic contraction of the money supply to curb inflation. Roberts regards Fed policy as a serious over-reaction to which many problems now blamed on the deficit (such as the disruption of the farm, property and energy sectors and repercussions in the banking system) can ultimately be traced.

However, says Roberts, contrary to universal belief, the US deficit and its national debt is not exceptional, relative to gross national product, compared with the other industrialized countries. Nor has it been financed by exceptional foreign borrowing — much of the US capital account imbalance was due to a collapse in American capital outflows. Nor is the US gross private savings rate particularly low, especially when adjusted for demographic factors affecting the personal savings rate.

Those with a taste for economic polemic will enjoy Roberts's broadside. But any admirer of rhetoric can appreciate his thunderous denunciation of deficit demagoguery (which spread to Europe, he says, as politicians looked for a scapegoat to excuse their own failure to produce growth). First the US deficit was going to perpetuate inflation; then it was going to keep interest rates high; then it was going to crowd out private investment and prevent a recovery; then it was going to keep the US dollar high and deindustrialize America: then it had caused the dollar to crash . . .

As each prediction failed to come about, another took its place, a fascinating socio-psychological phenomenon. The deficit needs to be cut, Roberts agrees, but not at the expense of incentives.

An interesting subcurrent in Roberts's essay is his (relatively) tolerant attitude to the congressional Democrats. He produces evidence that key Democrats, including Lloyd Bentsen, Michael Dukakis's vice-presidential nominee, had been converted to the tax-cut cause by 1980. He blames an inexperienced and arrogant Reagan White House staff for alienating these Democrats by manoeuvring to deny them any credit for the tax cuts, thus precipitating a partisan civil war over economic policy.

But, Roberts adds, the Democrats have not reversed the tax cuts, even though they have the votes to do so. And all around the world, individual incentives are replacing central planning as the mainspring of economic policy.

Supply side economics, he insists with characteristic ferocity, is here to stay.

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To this new opera, one of many by the Irish composer Michael William Balfe (1808-1876), The Times allotted over one column. Today he is remembered, if at all, for The Bohemian Girl, *which ran for 100 nights at Drury Lane in 1843.*

ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA

Mr Balfe's new opera is an unquestionable success. On Saturday night, at the third representation, a very crowded audience confirmed the favourable verdict which had been unanimously awarded on the Thursday previous, and the composer was again loudly summoned at the fall of the curtain. Having already glanced at the general merits of the performance, our remarks at present must be confined to a brief examination of the work itself.

The old German drama, by Zschokke, entitled *Abillino*, the origin of Monk Lewis's romance of *The Bravo of Venice*, and of Monk Lewis's play of *Rugantino* — both at one epoch the delight of our forefathers — is also the origin of *Bianca, the Bravo's Bride*... [Mr Palgrave Simpson] has manufacted an effective operatic libretto out of a subject once universally familiar, now almost universally forgotten. Mr Simpson's "Bravo" (Mr Harrison) is a gentleman of sufficient ingenuity to pass muster creditably for a considerable period as three different personages. His object is to win the heart of Bianca (Miss Louisa Pyne), daughter of the Duke of Milan (Mr Albert Lawrence) — the scene, for some not evident reason, being changed from Venice to Milan — and to accomplish that object he undergoes two successive transformations.

Mr Balfe has written more ambitiously in *Bianca* than usual, and, it must be added, with a proportionate degree of success. His first act has more the semblance of what is termed "grand opera" than anything from his pen with which we were previously acquainted. After a brilliant, if not very coherent overture, the curtain rises upon an introduction admirably designed and full of genuine beauties. This comprises, among other things, a prayer — "To Thee above our hearts we raise" (with organ accompaniment) — remarkable for melody and grace, and an air with chorus — "The demon of darkness" — for Beppo (Mr St Albyn), the comic personage of the drama, who narrates the legend of Fortespada's diabolical birth in music alike vigorous and characteristic.

[After a resumé of the opera's plot — not an easy thing to do since there seem to be at least two Dukes and a renowned brigand, the critic examines each act individually at some length.]

From the foregoing it will be concluded that in our opinion Mr Balfe's reputation is likely to be increased by his *Bianca*. The recent example of honourable emulation has clearly not been lost upon him. The genuine reception accorded to *Lurline* and *Robin Hood* and the revival of the *Night Dancers*, followed up with another success achieved by the most fertile of our dramatic composers, look well for the future. National opera seems now to have a chance of being established on a firmer basis than it ever previously reposed on.

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CAPITAL CONGESTION

Everyone who lives or works in the capital knows that London's roads are coagulated and that the chairmen of the city's railways, underground and overground, operate as though theirs was the only form of transport available to Londoners. Instead of generating active debate about solutions, however, this knowledge has tended to produce only a tired acceptance among the providers and the users of the capital's transport that things have always been bad and will probably get worse.

The passive acceptance starts at the top. The Government, it seems, has still not recognized the enormous dimensions of the problem which its victims increasingly call a crisis. Certainly, it has not gone so far as to require the Transport Secretary, Mr Paul Channon, to throw off the air of complacency he adopts whenever he is quizzed about the mayhem that passes for traffic management in London.

There will be argument aplenty about how executive authority should be re-constituted over transport in the capital, and whether it should be inside or outside the Department of Transport. But the first prerequisite is for Mr Channon to be convinced of the reality to which motorists and train passengers (not to mention pedestrians and bus users) are daily subjected. London is grinding to a halt.

It may be that with the hours they keep and the conveniences of their Whitehall Daimlers, ministers simply miss what is palpable to the rest of us. Perhaps Mr Channon needs the cathartic experience his former colleague, Mr Heath, reputedly had in a traffic jam one afternoon in Parliament Square.

The Government has been responsible in some measure for having got the East End moving and for the general air of prosperity in the capital. It now has a particular obligation to bring London's roads and railways into a state fit for the inhabitants of an enterprise society.

The capital's congestion has large and direct financial costs. The extra time and fuel taken to transport goods and people in or around London finds its way into higher purchase prices of many goods. Bad or inadequate planning of transport not only threatens the success of urban regeneration in the East and the Channel tunnel in the South. There is a psychological cost, too. There can be few ways better guaranteed to produce general public misery and low morale than wasting time on Tube platforms, in bus queues and in traffic jams.

But what can really be done? The series of articles in *The Times* this week outlined the scope for a new policy. It starts with the structure of government itself. In respect of transport, at least, the abolition of the Greater London Council has failed the capital because it removed a central source of traffic management and planning.

For the organization of London's transport to be improved does not require the Greater London Council to be reconstituted, but it does require somebody to regain the powers the GLC possessed to organize traffic lights and heavy freight movement between the boroughs. Someone is also needed to attempt to integrate the plans for roads with the development of bus routes and trains.

These should not be, as some have suggested, extra jobs for Mr Peter Bottomley or some other junior minister to do in his spare time. Transport in London demands active management of its operations. A new executive is called for, which has both operational independence from the vested interests in the Department of Transport and powers to require British Rail and London Regional Transport to co-ordinate their plans and function in co-operation.

Whoever takes on this function has first to unify London's haphazard arrangements for traffic control. It is easy to blame the Metropolitan Police for inconsistency between its divisions; a better diagnosis is that Scotland Yard has been thrust into a semi-political administrative role for which it is not suited.

A new London Transport Executive could go a long way in relieving the police of responsibility for traffic control and re-invigorating the warden service. Most important, it could standardize policy on parking and penalties across the capital.

Motorists, as our series showed, have contradictory attitudes. They are unlikely to thank the politician who broaches direct controls to limit traffic, by suggesting the introduction of a road-pricing scheme, for instance, even though it would be in their long-term interests. But they are just as unlikely to praise Mr Channon as the queues lengthen.

It is almost as dangerous to be dogmatic about keeping the State out of areas where it lacks competence and infringes personal liberty as it is to insist that State intervention is always a good thing. In the matter of London's transport, only the Government has the power and capacity required to resolve conflicts of interest, both between groups (car-drivers vs. lorry-drivers, home-owners vs. road-builders) and in planning investment for the future. Unless active measures are taken, the next generation will have little to thank us for when they start to contemplate the transport system they have been left.

ISRAEL AND THE INTIFADA

The first anniversary of the Arab uprising on the West Bank and in Gaza has been celebrated in much the same way as it began – with more violence, a strike and an Israeli raid into Lebanon. Neither side can have derived much pleasure from it; neither will derive much benefit either.

Israel's commando raid on bases of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was Jerusalem's way of marking the event. It was a PFLOP gunman who landed by hang-glider inside Israel's northern border just over 12 months ago and killed six Israeli soldiers in their camp. The attack, which exposed the vulnerability of the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF), encouraged revolt on the West Bank.

Whether yesterday's anniversary reprisal will have much effect on anything but Israeli morale is another matter. The *intifada* was not the first West Bank uprising. It was ignited by a series of incidents, one being the hang-glider assault and another the death of four Palestinians in an accident involving an Israeli Army vehicle. But there had been earlier flashpoints and there seemed no obvious reason why these particular disturbances would become a permanent feature of the Arab-Israeli struggle.

The combination of the scale of the initial demonstrations and the way in which the IDF responded may offer part of the answer. Soldiers trained to fight for their homeland suddenly found themselves faced by large and menacing crowds hurling bottles and bricks. They sometimes lost control, and the beatings and other reprisals which they carried out provoked only more violence.

A total of 45 soldiers have so far been court-martialled for using excessive force. By the end of last month 15 had been sentenced for up to one year in jail. Many other have had to be disciplined for lesser offences.

The Army has learnt its lessons. A two-day course has now been introduced for soldiers who are about to serve in the occupied territories – while commanders are given a special briefing kit. Whether this is too little too late is open to argument, but it is a recognition that in the early days the troops were insufficiently prepared.

One year on, the Palestinian uprising has changed character. Instead of facing large crowds on the streets, soldiers are now threatened by ambushes; young Palestinians attack then run away. While the skirmishing attracts less publicity, it is no less menacing and no less difficult to control. The *intifada* has come to stay.

There are those who argue that the IDF should have reacted more fiercely, opening fire on the crowds in pursuance of law and order. It is possible that a harder strategy might have had the immediate effect of quietening things down. But the effect would have been only temporary and in time the violence would have returned.

The more conventional wisdom is that there can be no military solution to the problems of the occupied territories. The most that the soldiers can do is to contain the violence sufficiently for Arab-Israeli leaders to work out a long-term political answer.

According to this argument, the most significant reason for the success of this latest and continuing uprising is the frustration of Arabs who found themselves in a political vacuum. A new generation has grown up since 1967 which is impatient for a political independence it has never known.

The event which had most to do with the start of the *intifada* 12 months ago might therefore have been the lack of progress at the Arab summit in Amman. Here, Arab leaders were so preoccupied by the Gulf War that they hardly mentioned the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The conclusion to be drawn from this must be that Israel can expect no imminent end to the trouble, which now ties down 10,000 troops. Israel's political leaders still jostle and connive in their fight to win power after last month's election stalemate. But whatever government emerges, the dominant influence of the right-wing Likud Party under the unbending Mr Yitzhak Shamir makes it unlikely that it will move easily towards a compromise.

The way in which the anniverary has been marked is a sad but inevitable comment on the Arab-Israeli conflict. The uprising is a symptom, not a cause – and one which looks as hard as ever to treat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cold comfort for coach travellers

From Mr Piers Clarke and Ms Sarah Wildig

Sir, We were among some 300 coach passengers detained by the police on the A2 between Canterbury and Faversham on the night of December 3-4 for a total of eight hours (report, December 5). The reason given for our detention was that the reading on our coach tachometer showed 60 minutes over the permitted limit. At no stage was it suggested that our coach was overweight.

We entered the unfenced weighbridge area at 7.15 p.m. and did not leave it until six minutes after midnight. During those five hours we had no heating, no food, no toilet facilities and no drinking water.

Our fellow passengers were mainly elderly people who had been buying Christmas presents in France for their grandchildren. During our stay in the weighbridge area two ambulance cases occurred, one resulting in an elderly lady being taken to hospital. Those elderly on pills, etc., could not take them because there was no drinking water. The coaches' interiors, normally air-conditioned, became cold, dim and fuggy; the only alternative was to stamp around in a very fresh wind, interspersed by gusts of heavy drizzle.

We noted that those conducting the coach inspections had hot drink facilities and that there was a two-bar electric fire in the small brick-built weighbridge building.

At no time did the police, the customs or the Department of Trade officials involved in this exercise come to any of the coaches to explain the situation or to offer any comfort or solution to our plight.

At 12.06 a.m. our two drivers were *ordered* by the police to drive the short distance to Farthing Corner service station, under police escort. This journey took almost half an hour, due to the speed imposed by the police escort. Once there, our drivers were told to wait until 3 a.m. before resuming the journey back to Ilkley. No reason was given for this additional delay. We know of one old lady who did not reach her home in Keighley until 8.45 that morning.

The police must perform their duty, of course. But surely not at the expense of helpless, innocent passengers?

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Cash strategy for city transport

From Mr Tim Pharoah

Sir, Robert Adley and Michael Welbank (December 6) quite rightly argue for a strategy to shape the multi-billion pound investment now required for London's groaning transport system. A financial strategy, as well as a development strategy, is required. This should include, for example, taxation of company cars and their company-subsidised parking places in central London, charges for the use of costly infrastructure (yes, road pricing!), and grants criteria that properly reflect the safety and environmental advantages of public transport compared to road investment.

More rail capacity could be paid for, partly by those who create the demand for it – namely, the office developers and employers who reap the benefits of a central London location.

In San Francisco developers of down-town offices pay a set of one-off fees to help meet the consequent costs of city growth. These include, for each square foot of new office space, $5.34 towards public housing; $5 for public transport; $2 for open space; and $1 to support child care.

In Paris, employers of 10 or more people contribute to the cost of providing the *carte orange* (the equivalent of London's Capitalcard). Centrally-located firms pay 2 per cent of their salary bill: those in the suburbs pay 1 per cent.

A sound financial strategy would encourage balanced development and highlight those investment projects which will make the best economic and social contribution to the city.

Yours faithfully,
T. M. PHAROAH,
The Polytechnic of the South Bank,
Town Planning Department,
Wandsworth Road, SW8.
December 6.

From Mr A. W. Allen

Sir, A modern and well-maintained coach is one of the most efficient, economical and flexible forms of transport and should be encouraged. The real problem is, why do we plan for and live so many miles from our place of work? With an electronic and automated era in front of us, the future demands on travel facilities will certainly change, both for the better and the worse.

I would agree with Mr Robert Adley (December 6) that an overall "consensus" is required, but the long and short-term answers are likely to be different.

Does he recall the Suez crisis, when petroleum was rationed and one could speed down the Strand on a 3d omnibus?

Yours faithfully,
A. W. ALLEN (Director,
Silver Knight Coaches Ltd),
Christian Malford,
Wiltshire.

Leaving well alone

From Mr J. W. Chuter

Sir, I was intrigued by a snippet in today's *Times* (December 1) reporting that engineers are to dismantle the engine of a lorry that has recently completed 1.25 million trouble-free miles. Their motive, we are told, is to see what makes it run so well.

Now, while I admire the inquisitiveness of the engineering profession, it would seem to me that by carrying out this premature mechanical autopsy they are in danger of breaching that well-tried principle beloved of most motorists, namely – if it works don't mend it. I wonder what odds your readership would give on this engine, once reassembled, completing a further million miles.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CHUTER,
12 Tuzo Close, Balivanich,
Benbecula, Western Isles.

Opera rebuff

From Mr James Morwood

Sir, In the article (December 2) in which Bernard Levin very sensibly forswears going to operas he has had enough of, he says that he has "always known that *Die Liebe der Danae* is bilge". I should be interested to hear how he has been able to build up the long-standing acquaintance with this Strauss opera that such a judgement implies.

The youthful Levin may have caught it when it was last staged in London in 1953. I once went all the way to Munich to see it, only to find that it had been cancelled and *Elektra*, another *bête noir* of Mr Levin's, put on in its place. I did, however, catch a magical performance of the work in Graz in 1964.

There have certainly been stagings at other times and in other places, but, if he took against the piece at first hearing, Mr Levin has surely been somewhat masochistic in tracking such rarities down.

Next time he finds himself with a ticket on his hands for this beautiful but neglected work, I do hope that he will pass it on to me.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES MORWOOD,
3 Gayton House, Grove Hill,
Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex.

Father's footsteps

From Mr Donald Stallybrass

Sir, The London Missionary Society was no less demanding of its workers than the Wesleyan Conference (Mr C. G. Hawkins's letter, December 3). My great-grandfather Edward, a missionary among the Mongols,

enjoyed a rather less settled *life . . . after his return from Siberia.* As he wrote plaintively in January, 1842, it was a long round of hectic travelling through Norfolk and Essex, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire . . . *In* October he was writing from Glastonbury and in December from Stroud, and in January, 1843, he was back in Stepney again (*Shamans, Lamas and Evangelicals, The English Missionaries in Siberia*, C. R. Bawden, 1985).

Yours sincerely,
DONALD STALLYBRASS,
8 Regis Court, High Street,
Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

Romanian honours

From the Editor of The International Who's Who

Sir, The President of the British-Romanian Association points out (December 3) that in Elena Ceausescu's entry in *The International Who's Who* she is described as an Honorary Member of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, and he wonders if this is a piece of skilful misinformation by the Romanian authorities.

The material from which her entry was compiled was supplied to us by the Romanian authorities in Bucharest, and her entry was subsequently checked by the Romanian Embassy in London. Needless to say, we shall be making an appropriate correction in our next edition.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD R. L. FITZWILLIAMS,
Editor,
The International Who's Who,
Europa Publications Ltd,
18 Bedford Square, WC1.

Job losses blame

From Dr D. V. Keown

Sir, By coincidence your front page today (December 7) reports news of job losses in both the public and private sectors.

The different reactions of the employees is instructive. On television last night employees of North East Shipbuilders were quick to accuse the Prime Minister of "industrial vandalism" and hold her personally responsible for their plight. The Morgan Grenfell workers, while complaining about the manner of their dismissal, did not refer to the Government at all as a possible source of their woe, despite the fact that the Government-orchestrated "Big Bang" is arguably a direct cause of their predicament.

Your front-page article informs us that the Government is expected to soften the blow for the shipbuilders with a package of measures including alternative employment, land-reclamation, retraining and relocation schemes. This comes on top of years of subsidy. Can the redundant stockbrokers look forward to similar consideration?

Yours faithfully,
D. V. KEOWN,
23 Manor Road,
Middleton, Manchester 24.

A new dawn in church relations

From the Right Reverend Dr R. D. Say

Sir, Once again Mr Clifford Longley (December 3) has put his finger upon an important development in the religious life of the nation. But he speaks of the question of leadership as a structural problem and suggests that the style of leadership in the Church today is dictated by its structures; whereas many see it as an integral part of the process of transition through which both Church and State are passing in our time.

Some of the growing points of the local church are where new patterns of leadership are emerging as a corporate ministry is exercised by men and women, both ordained and lay. Similar developments are beginning to emerge nationally and the British Council of Churches has done much to prepare the way since it was inaugurated in 1942. Its first president was Archbishop William Temple. He had the same "towering presence" among Church leaders as Bishop John Krumm, of the USA, in his book on the recent Lambeth Conference, has ascribed to the present Archbishop of Canterbury.

Temple was succeeded as president by Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher who was re-elected three times. As the secretary of the council in the post-war years I can testify that this was no formality and that careful discussion of other names took place each time. The Church of Scotland and the Free Churches all had a succession of distinguished leaders, who contributed much to the corporate leadership of the ecumenical movement and helped it towards what the Archbishop of York has called "a reconciled diversity" and "an enlarged identity".

It is significant that there has been no royal or State service since 1980 in which the Cardinal and the moderators have not taken part together with Church of England leaders. It is now well nigh inconceivable that this will not also be so at the next Coronation Service. We all pray that this will be some long way ahead, but in the meantime there could be growing acceptance of a widening of the Establishment as a new corporate leadership emerges.

For reasons that Mr Longley hints at, this would be given greater stability if leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of Scotland and the Free Churches were regularly nominated to sit alongside Church of England bishops in Parliament. Lord Macleod and Lord Soper have pioneered the way and the recent appointment of the Chief Rabbi as a life peer has been widely welcomed. In his maiden speech Lord Jakobovits referred to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and said that he joined "countless citizens in wishing to see their primacy preserved among the nation's religious and moral leaders".

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Yours sincerely,
†DAVID SAY,
23 Chequers Park,
Wye, Ashford, Kent.
December 5.

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From Mr W. F. V. Hudson

Sir, Clifford Longley is quite correct when he identifies the absence of strong leadership in the churches as rooted in the contradictions and restraints of ecumenical structures. The problem is that leaders are unable to state what they presumably believe.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, for example, can hardly assert that Anglicans are heretics in need of conversion, while the next moment he is issuing a joint statement with the Archbishop of Canterbury. The avoidance of central issues by vagueness, and even downright deceit, leaves leadership impotent and portrays the churches involved as mere frauds.

It is surely time for the churches to either admit that they represent mutually exclusive religions – which has always been their position historically – and so give up the ecumenical lie, or agree to merge as a world religion with a common theology and structure. Only in these ways will a leadership emerge that has strength, effectiveness and above all integrity.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM HUDSON,
Magdalene College, Cambridge.
December 3.

Student loans

From Dr E. A. Patterson

Sir, In my role as tutor for first-year undergraduate students on our course in mechanical engineering I received a visit from a student today. His problem, which is not an unusual one, is that he receives the minimum grant from his local eduation authority and his father is expected to provide funds up to the value of the full grant. In his case his father has refused to fund him for one week of this term and he was seeking my advice on alternative sources of funds.

I find it very worrying that the only source of funds that I can suggest to him is his bank manager. I think it is immoral that I am forced to advise a student to seek an overdraft.

The situation is ridiculous in that the student is over 18 and therefore able to vote and serve on a jury and yet is financially dependent on his father for his living costs. However, if he was unemployed or on a Government training scheme the State would provide for him. The latest suggestions from the Government to change the existing system of student support do little to improve the situation.

I suggest that every student should be entitled to a monthly stipend during term time and the two short vacations, which are essentially private study periods.

If necessary, this could be redeemed by the State in the form of a modest income-tax supplement payable by employed graduates until such time as the value of the supend they received had been recovered.

This would, to my mind, avoid the indignity of student loans as proposed by the Government and alleviate the distress currently felt by many students due to dependence on parental contributions. It would provide the financial independence which should be the right of intelligent adults.

Yours faithfully,
E. A. PATTERSON,
University of Sheffield,
Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering,
Mappin Street,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
November 25.

Food from the chase

From Mr Ian Linn

Sir, The letter by Mr Lewis James (December 5) about the edibility of the fox prompts me to point out that fox-eating is by no means confined to early colonial America. I am an ecologist, and had the privilege of studying foxes in the Sultanate of Oman a couple of years ago, under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society.

I had some difficulty in catching the live foxes which I needed for a radio-tracking project. Logistic support for the work was being provided by the Sultan's Army, and the Omani soldiers with whom I discussed my problem were most sympathetic and eager to help. They explained that they frequently caught foxes for the pot, and would be delighted to supply as many live foxes as I needed.

I expressed profound gratitude for the offer, and retired to my tent to await developments. To my delight and astonishment, long before midnight I had a pair of fine adult foxes in my cages waiting to be fitted with radio collars.

I gathered that the technique for catching them involved a pit in the sand with some bait round the rim, an ambush, and something resembling a loose scrum, from which the lucky man emerged with a fox, and the less lucky emerged with varying degrees of fox-bite. Not quite how the Quorn does it, but probably with a rather higher success rate.

Yours sincerely,
IAN LINN,
Myrtle Cottage,
Exminster,
Exeter, Devon.
December 5.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number – (01)782 5046.

Right to silence

From Mr C. H. Rolph

Sir, Having read (with my usual enjoyment and envy) Barbara Amiel's article on December 2, I still find it difficult to believe that Lord Hailsham has ever said that the "right to silence never existed before 1898". What happened in 1898 was that a Criminal Evidence Act gave a defendant the status of a "competent witness" – after centuries in which he had been condemned to silence.

Thousands of alleged felons had been put to death without the right to utter a word – or have someone to utter it for them. After 1898, what had begun as a privilege, which the prisoner had to demand if he wanted it, went through the classic process of becoming a "right".

If he fails to exercise it, the prosecution (but not the judge) is forbidden to mention the fact. But no one can stop him having his say. If he fails to exercise it, only a jury of cretins could fail to wonder why. So what *is* all the argument about?

Yours sincerely,
C. H. ROLPH,
Rushett Edge, Rushett Common,
Bramley, Guildford, Surrey.
December 2.

Law and the game

From Mr C. H. Moiser

Sir, In view of the present state of the criminal justice system, I think you are absolutely right to put your Law Reports, on Saturdays, in section 4, under the heading of Sport and Leisure.

Most contested cases give a sporting chance to both sides, and leisure abounds in the time it takes to get a case listed, and then with the resulting non-custodial sentence.

Yours sincerely,
CLIFF MOISER (Clerk),
Plymouth Magistrates' Court,
St Andrew Street,
Plymouth, Devon.
December 5.

Falklands policy

From Sir Anthony Williams

Sir, How strange that Dr Cosgrave (December 2), who finds sufficient corroboration of his suppositions in reference to his own book, should accuse others of "pompous insouciance". His other source, *The Battle of the Falklands*, was, of course, one of those "instant books", which one at least of its authors has acknowledged to be in need of revision in the light of documentation only made generally available after its publication.

As British Ambassador in Argentina and a participant in all the Anglo-Argentine discussions during the period, I can reassure Dr Cosgrave that, between 1980 and 1982, what he erroneously calls "President Galtieri's government" was repeatedly and consistently warned of the inevitable reaction, not only of the British Parliament but of HM Government, to any attempt to resolve the Falklands problem by force.

During the same period I visited all but two of Argentina's many provinces to publicise the same message – needless to say, in accordance with FCO instructions. I recall speaking particularly firmly in this sense to General Galtieri in late 1981, shortly before he assumed the presidency.

What Dr Cosgrave may not know is that – until Admiral Anaya and General Galtieri embarked on their ill-judged adventure – it was the accepted wisdom of informed Argentines that any attempt to solve the "Malvinas problem" by force was ruled out by the certainty of a successful British response in kind – why else should the Argentines have tolerated 17 years of unrewarding negotiations?

If acceptance of this certainty declined between 1980 and 1982, this was not because of "emollient diplomacy" behind closed doors, but because of publicly-vaunted reductions in Britain's capacity to deploy force in the South Atlantic.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY WILLIAMS,
(Ambassador to Argentina, 1980-1982),
Jollys Farmhouse,
Salehurst, East Sussex.

Overseas aid

From Mr V. Gormally

Sir, Your report (November 25) that the Kent Education Authority were contemplating extending their search for a chief education officer to America was quite arresting. It is unclear precisely what they are seeking except that, we are given to understand, it is not available locally.

Whatever the list of qualities sought for so important a post, however, it seems that a knowledge of the system one is administering, or experience of work in any of the institutions to be controlled by the appointee, are not amongst them!

It seems that the recent emphasis in management circles on "credibility" stops short of the top level. I am sure this sort of extravagant posturing by local authorities is the cause of much disaffection in our schools.

Yours truly,
V. GORMALLY,
Croft House, Scalby,
Scarborough, North Yorkshire.
November 28.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 9: Mr. R.L.B. Cormack (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Kinshasa) and Mrs. Cormack had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Mr. M.J.C. Glaze (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Luanda) and Mrs. Glaze had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as AOC-in-C Strike Command, and on assuming the appointment of Chief of the Air Staff and Air Aide de Camp to Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Ex-Officio Member of the Committee, this morning visited the Automobile Association Headquarters in Basingstoke and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Sir James Scott, Bt.) and the Chairman of the Automobile Association (Sir Ralph Carr Ellison).

His Royal Highness subsequently visited the Operations Room at Thatcham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon. Gordon Palmer).

Mr. Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Prince Edward this evening attended the 15,000th performance of "The Mousetrap" at St. Martin's Theatre, in aid of the National Association for Mental Health.

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 9: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkhas (The Sirmoor Rifles) received Lieutenant-Colonel R.M. Venning upon relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion, at Kensington Palace, W8.

Subsequently His Royal Highness, Colonel, Welsh Guards, visited the 1st Battalion at Pirbright, Surrey.

His Royal Highness, attended by Captain Rupert Cockcroft, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE

December 9: The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor, today presided at the Honorary Degree Ceremonies at the University of Surrey.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent attended the Yorkshire Business Awards Luncheon at the Queens Hotel, Leeds, West Yorkshire and later visited the Regional Rheumatology Centre at the Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Sarah Partridge.

Clifford Longley

A question of human values

British society is becoming self conscious about its "values", what they ought to be, whether they are in decline, whether anything can be done about it if they are, and whose fault it is anyway.

Two instances of this preoccupation have just appeared in print: an article in the December edition of *The Director* by its deputy editor, Carol Kennedy; and the summary of a recent Ditchley Foundation conference by Tony Thomas, assistant editor of *The Economist*, published in last week's *The Tablet*.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is invariably cited on both sides of the argument, as the best and worst thing that has ever happened to British values. Ms Kennedy's project was to interview more than a dozen men and women prominent in the law, business, the academic world and such spheres; and the Ditchley conference was attended by similar distinguished persons, some from abroad. In each case the natural point of focus seemed to be the impact of free market economics on traditional British morality and way of life; and there is clearly no consensus, except the simple one that things are changing.

Not everyone believes they are changing for the worse, and *The Director* found businessmen who disputed the more general view that business ethics has been a major casualty of the last decade. There have always been scoundrels, so their argument goes, and always will be; meanwhile "Thatcherism" has improved the nation's economic performance so the country can now afford to do what it could not otherwise have done, including such morally desirable objectives as looking after the less fortunate.

Some accept the latter but not the former: saying there has been a decline, but it is nothing to do with government policy. This shades into the view that the decline is connected with government policy, which is nevertheless right because things could not go on as they were. And to the left of that — left in the sense that that is the position Mr Neil Kinnock adopted in his "No number other than one" speech at the Labour Party Conference — is the view that the country's values are in decline precisely as a result of government policy. The most extreme view, only hinted at both in *The Tablet* and *The Director*, is that Thatcherism is the product and symptom of moral decline, not the cause.

The Government's view, appears to be that there is indeed a decline, not, of course, caused by government policy; but that it is beyond the competence of governments, as such, to correct it. Religious institutions figure prominently among those regarded as competent and ought to be doing more. This is not, however, echoed in any of the views reported either in *The Tablet* or *The Director*, except for the remark reported in the former that in the United States "the Ten Commandments had become the Ten Suggestions."

The Government's hopes that the churches might lead a revival of national moral fibre is curiously paralleled in the Soviet Union, according to this year's BBC Reith Lecturer, Professor Geoffrey Hosking. He is not optimistic about the chances in Russia. And in Britain the churches know no better way of converting Britain back to Christianity than the one they have been trying, without too much success. If they have not yet succeeded in reversing their own downward trend, in numbers, they are hardly like to succeed in reversing the nation's, in values.

There are more possibilities than those explored in *The Director* and *The Tablet* which could describe the fascinating relationship between Thatcherism and moral decline. One is that the nation votes for Margaret Thatcher because it perceives the moral decline, and sees her as part of the solution (even if she does not do so herself). Another is that there is a more fundamental shift, of which moral decline and Thatcherism are both symptoms. And given that governments have to stand for election, there is bound to be some temptation to appeal to baser instincts, the "You've never had it so good" syndrome. But this Government did not invent it; nor are Opposition parties free from it.

What these two studies both lack is much in the way of remedy. The Ditchley participants seemed to be tending towards more government regulation to raise the standard of business ethics; and *The Director's* leading figures had some expectations that education and communication might be the answer. The problem with the imposition of standards by statute is that all that is not illegal comes to be regarded as moral, and individual moral responsibility escapes out of the window. The problem with moral education is that somebody somewhere has to decide what standards are to be taught or communicated: education is a method, not a code.

One surprising omission among all these leaders of opinion is that no-one suggested that good leadership and example were part of the remedy (though some thought bad leadership was part of the cause). That could also be why they omitted religion from their diagnoses and prescriptions. Their models of society and how it frames its values were largely mechanistic and impersonal, and generally also economic in thrust: as if an alteration in basic tax rates or the privitization of gas were crucial in determining whether people behaved morally or not. That is a surrender to behaviorism, to sociology — and to Karl Marx. We can't help the way we are: it is someone else's fault. In a free market climate which is supposed to be all about choice, that is decidedly paradoxical.

And that could point to one other factor in the moral decline they were all trying to comment on, a factor also apparent in a lot of what was said about it: a note of fatalism. Fatalist philosophies are undoubtedly in vogue, whether by virtue of Freud, astrology or reincarnation; or the belief that "inevitable" economic trends determine public and private morality. If it is true, it gives the lie to religion. It is a pity they were not asked directly about that.

Honour for firemen

The bravery of the firemen who risked their lives to save York Minster was commemorated yesterday. One hundred and forty two Officers from the North Yorkshire fire brigade, who fought the blaze at the Gothic cathedral four years ago, were thanked with a special Minster Restoration Vase.

Throughout the four hours the men tackled the flames enveloping the South Transept, the main roof was in danger of collapse.

Yesterday, The Dean of the Minster, the Very Rev John Southgate presented County Fire Officer Colin Jones with the Vase, a month after the Queen praised the restoration work.

Mr Southgate said: "After the Queen's visit, we thought now was the time to tell the fire brigade they were not forgotten. Without their skill and bravery, this place would not be here at all."

The Royal Worcester vase, embossed with a 22 carat gold design, will now take pride of place at the Brigade's Head Quarters in Northallerton.

Mr Jones said: "It's wonderful to be appreciated simply for doing our job. Saving the Minster was a team effort and many of our men risked their lives. I am delighted our efforts are being recognised."

Architecture

Briton wins 'alternative' Nobel prize

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

A British architect who has been a considerable influence on the housing policies of many Third World countries received an "alternative Nobel prize" in Stockholm yesterday from the Right Livelihood Awards Foundation.

Mr John F C Turner, aged 61, received a cheque for about £20,000 at a presentation at the Swedish parliament. The two other recipients are Sahabat Alam of Malaysia, and Jose Lutzenberger of Brazil.

Mr Turner is to seek an urgent meeting on his return next week with Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Trade and Industry who is the Government's inner cities supremo, on ways to promote the concept of the "active neighbourhood", which takes the Government's idea of the active citizen as its starting point.

"Neighbourhoods need security, identity and opportunity," Mr Turner said at a seminar on community architecture in Bradford on Sunday. Good neighbourhood action teams should be set up to co-ordinate local responses to housing, job creation and skill training with the support of central and local government, businesses and the residents.

The central thesis of Mr Turner's best-selling books is that local communities should be "enabled" to plan, build and manage their own housing as a fundamental human right.

There are many parallels between his work overseas and the community architecture movement in Britain, promoted by the Prince of Wales and Mr Rod Hackney, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The awards were introduced in 1980 "to honour and support those working on practicable and replicable solutions to the real problems facing us today", as the Nobel prizes were thought to have become too specialized.

Mr Turner told *The Times*: "Britain has a great deal to learn from the Third World in terms of rebuilding communities. In many ways we have a tougher job here as so many communities have already been destroyed in post-war redevelopments."

Tomorrow's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, will attend a carol concert at the Festival Hall at 7.20.

Princess Alexandra will attend the carol service in Southwark Cathedral for "Crisis at Christmas" at 7.25.

The charity auction at Sotheby's, which The Duke of Kent was due to attend on Thursday, December 15, has been postponed.

Royal Society

Election of Council for 1988-89

The President and Officers of the Society were elected as follows:

President – Sir George Porter, Professor of Photochemistry at the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London, and Emeritus Professor of Chemistry of the Royal Institution of Great Britain; Treasurer – Professor R W K Honeycombe, Emeritus Professor of Metallurgy in the University of Cambridge; Biological Secretary – Professor B K Follett, Professor and Head of the Department of Zoology in the University of Bristol; Physical Secretary – Sir Francis Graham-Smith, Astronomer Royal, and Langworthy Professor of Physics and Pro-Vice-Chancellor in the University of Manchester; Foreign Secretary – Professor M A Epstein, CBE, Emeritus Professor of Pathology in the University of Bristol.

Bridge teams

The British Bridge League has announced the teams to represent Great Britain in the two women's Bridge championships next year as follows.

EEC championship at Ostend in April. Mrs E. McGowan, Mrs S. Penfold; Mrs J. Casey, Mrs M. Pierce; Miss K. Preddy, Mrs G. Durmus (reserves Miss M. Malcolm Mrs M. Hill).

European Championships at Turku, Finland in July. Mrs S. Landy, Miss M. Brunner; Miss P. Davies, Mrs N. Smith, Mrs E. McGowan, Mrs S. Penfold (reserves Miss K. Preddy, Mrs G. Durmus).

Captains and coaches will be announced at a later date.

Last post

Monday, December 12, is the latest recommended posting date for Christmas airmail to the Irish republic for parcels and packets. A leaflet, Christmas 1988, giving details of latest recommended posting dates for Christmas mail by air and surface is available free from post offices.

John and Eve Meares celebrate the fifteth anniversary of their marriage today.

Birthdays



Mr Jahangir Khan
squash player, 25

Today: Sir Eric Berthoud, diplomat, 88; Mr John Burt, deputy director-general, BBC, 44; Viscount Boyne, 57; Miss Rumer Godden, writer, 81; Mr Cecil Hallett, trade unionist, 89; Lord Harris of High Cross, 64; Mr Nicholas Henderson, racehorse trainer, 39; Sir Clifford Jarrett, civil servant, 79; Mr Michael Jopling, MP, 58; Miss J.M. Kenworthy, principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 55; Mr Nicolas Kynaston, organist, 47; Mr Oliver Messiaen, composer and organist, 80; Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman, Lloyds Bank, 60; Miss Mary Norton, children's writer, 85; Sir John Peel, former Surgeon-Gynaecologist to The Queen, 84; Mr T.S. Roberts, former chairman, Milford Haven Conservancy Board, 77; Mr A.D.A. Stirling, director-general, National Trust, 55; Mr C.W. Turner, rector, Glasgow Academy, 55; Mr M.T. Wright, former director, National Heritage Memorial Fund, 52.

Tomorrow: Sir Anthony Abell, former colonial administrator, 82; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore, 69; Air Chief Marshal Sir Alfred Earle, 81; Lord Elliott of Morpeth, 68; Professor Sir Robert Grieve, town and regional planner, 78; Sir Kenneth MacMillan, choreographer, 59; Mr Cliff Michelmore, broadcaster and television producer, 69; Mr D.E. Plowright, chairman, Granada Television, 58; Mr Carlo Ponti, film producer, 75; Mr Patrick Reyntiens, glass painter, 63; Sir Francis Sandilands, former chairman, Commercial Union Assurance, 75; Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn, author, 70; Miss S.A. Spencer, general secretary, National Council for Civil Liberties, 36; Mrs Sheila Walker, former chief commissioner, Girl Guides Association, 71; Mr C.F.J. Younger, former chairman, Brewers' Society, 80.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.T. Joynson
and the Hon Clare ffrench

The engagement is announced between Alexander Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.R.H. Joynson, of Hyam, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, and Clare Katherine, younger daughter of the late Lord ffrench and Sonia, Lady ffrench, of Gordon, Berwickshire.

Mr M.H. Evans
and Miss P.M. Rosling

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Captain and the Hon Mrs Robert Evans, of Cowden, Kent, and Penelope, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rosling, of Hammerwood, Sussex.

Dr H.J.N. Andreyev
and Dr C.A. Harwood

The engagement is announced between Jervoise, elder son of the late Dr Nikolay Andreyev and Mrs Gill Andreyev, of Cambridge, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Harwood, of Ilford, Essex.

Mr A.G. Bodger
and Miss C.F.M. Knight

The engagement is announced between Anthony Guy Bodger, younger son of Mr P.L. Bodger and the late Mrs M.P. Bodger, of Bodenham, Herefordshire, and Caroline Fiona Murray Knight, daughter of the late Mr J.R. Knight and of Mrs L.P. Knight, of Weald, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Dr M.J. Burton
and Miss S.F. Roberts

The engagement is announced between Martin James, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Burton, of Penwortham, Lancashire, and Sarah Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G. Roberts, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Mr J.S. Sincock
and Miss M.J. Sylvester

The engagement is announced between Julian, youngest son of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Sincock, of Heytesbury, Wiltshire and the British Embassy, Riyadh, and Merope, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Derek Sylvester, of Almondsbury, near Bristol.

Mr J.A. King
and Miss A.L. Reading

The engagement is announced between James Alexander, younger son of Mr and Mrs Norman King, of Chrishall, Hertfordshire, and Amanda Louise, youngest daughter of the late Lieutenant-Commander Robert J. Reading and stepdaughter of Mrs Joyce Reading, of Stamfordham, Northumberland.

Mr J.D. Garrett
and Miss L. Irish

Mr and Mrs W.G. Irish, of Saltash, Cornwall, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lorraine, to Mr John Donald Garrett.

Mr P.F.C. Payne
and Miss J.A. Douglas

The engagement is announced between Paul Frederick, younger son of Major and Mrs P.I.C. Payne, of Old Cleeve, Somerset, and Jennifer, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Douglas, of Tenerife, Canary Islands.

Mr S.N. Riley
and Miss S.E. Lieberkind

The engagement is announced between Stephen Nicholas Riley, of Etwall, Derbyshire, and Susan Ellinor, only daughter of Mrs Eva Lieberkind, of Copenhagen.

Dr J.A.P. Rimmer
and Dr S.A. Kemp

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs P. Rimmer, of Newport, Isle of Wight, and Sylvie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.S. Kemp, of Los Altos, California. The wedding will be in July.

Dr J.P. Shervington
and Miss E.S. Andrews

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Shervington, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Andrews, of Hanley Swan, Worcestershire.

Mr G.N. Gillibrand
and Miss K. Brooker

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs A.L. Gillibrand, of Maidenhead and London, and Karen, daughter of Mr D. Brooker and Mrs S. McKay, of Cape Town, S Africa.

Mr J.D.G. Watling
and Miss K.B.M. Henton

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Anna and Paul Watling, of Bitton, Bristol, and Katharine, daughter of Frances and Michael Henton, of Shepperton, Middlesex.

Marriage

Mr C.E. Alexander
and Miss F.A. Masterson

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 3, 1988, at Auchterarder House, Auchterarder, Perthshire, of Mr Charles Alexander and Miss Felicity Masterson. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Strachan.

The reception followed at Auchterarder House.

Anniversaries

TODAY: **Births:** Giovanni Guarini, poet, Ferrara, Italy, 1538; Cesar Franck, Liege, 1822; Emily Dickinson, poet, Amherst, Massachusetts, 1830; Harold Alexander, 1st Earl Alexander of Tunis, field-marshal, Governor-General of Canada 1946-52, London, 1891.

Deaths: Paolo Uccello, painter, Florence, 1475; Alfred Nobel, industrialist, founder of the prizes bearing his name, San Remo, Italy, 1896; Sir Joseph Hooker, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens 1865-85, Sunningdale, Berks, 1911; Charles Rennie Mackintosh, architect, London, 1928; Luigi Pirandello, Rome, 1936; Damon Runyon, writer, 1946; Henry Cowell, composer, Shady, New York, 1965.

TOMORROW: **Births:** Charles Wesley, musician, Bristol, 1757; Hector Berlioz, Cote-saint-Andre, 1803; Alfred de Musset, poet, Paris, 1810, Robert Koch, bacteriologist, Klausthal, Germany, 1843.

Deaths: Llewelyn Ab Gruffydd, prince of Wales, killed in battle near Builth, 1282; Colley Cibber, actor-manager, dramatist, London, 1757; Olive Schreiner, novelist, author of *The Story of an African Farm*, Cape Town, 1920.

James II fled from England, 1688. Abdication of Edward VIII and accession of George VI, 1936. USA declared war on Germany and Italy, 1941.

Memorial service

Lady Osborn

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady Osborn was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev J.A. Barrie officiated, assisted by the Rev Neville Thomas. Sir Richard Osborn, son, read the lesson and Mr Francis McGinn read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Colonel James Dunsmure gave an address.

Memorial Concert

Eva Ursula Pancha

A concert in memory of the scientist Eva Paucha Smith (formerly of Highgate), who died June 23, 1988, at the age of 38, will be held on Sunday, December 18, 1988, at the Highgate United Reformed Church, Pond Square Chapel, South Grove, London N6. The concert, which will begin at 4.30 pm, will include chamber music by Mozart and Schubert.

Latest wills

Mr George Lazareff **Beaumont**, of Mill Lodge, Sulhamstead, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,994,662 net.

Mr Charles Kenneth **Capon**, of North End, London NW3, a founder member on 1939 of the Architects' Co-operative Partnership, whose work included the master plan and principal buildings of Essex University, two London comprehensives and housing at Harlow New Town, left estate valued at £447,324 net.

Mr Jeffrey Joseph **Cozens-Smith**, of Cranleigh, Surrey, left estate valued at £963,812 net.

Major-General Eric George Wilham Warde **Harrison**, of Amesbury Abbey, Amesbury, Wiltshire, formerly of Swallowfield Park, Reading, Berkshire, a former Olympic hurdler and Rugby wing-threequarter, former Master of the South Oxfordshire Foxhounds and North Cornwall Hounds, Deputy Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Cornwall, and ADC to King George VI, left estate valued at £658,476 net.

Other estates (net before tax) include:

Mrs May Fanny **Abrahams**, of Leeds, West Yorkshire £513,747.

Mrs Christine Florence **Boning**, of Sevenoaks, Kent ... £504,191.

Mr Richard Charles **Bowden**, of South Croydon ..... £651,064.

Stella Mary **Brockman**, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire..... £516,662.

Mr John Edward **Cradock**, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire..... £434,331.

Mr John Kenneth Robert **Howard**, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire..... £483,907.

Mrs Doris Millicent **Lines**, of London N21 ..... £847,382.

Mr James William **Skinner**, of Storrington, West Sussex ..... £650,291.

Mrs Mary Elvira **Wade**, of Studham, Dunstable, Bedfordshire..... £409,129.

Mr Gerald Norman **Walton**, of Faygate, Horsham, West Sussex ..... £673,825.

Mr James William **Wilkins**, of Torquay, Devon..... £963,053.

Luncheon

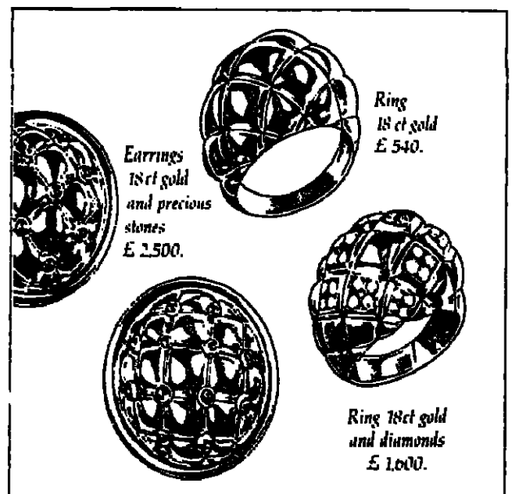
Institution of Highways and Transportation

Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, was the principal guest at the annual luncheon of the Institution of Highways and Transportation held yesterday at Grosvenor House. Mr F.J. Parker, president, presided and the Very Rev Colin Semper also spoke.

Dinner

Cold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were among the guests at the annual livery dinner of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Godfrey Davis, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens. The Lord Mayor, Mr B. Joe Brown, Mr Peter Nathan and Mr Ralph A.R. Hedderwick also spoke.



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SCIENCE REPORT

Cold comfort for the turtle

The fact that that baby turtles can survive unharmed after more than half their body fluids have been frozen could offer clues to more efficient ways of maintaining human transplant organs in cold storage. Researchers at Carleton University in Ottawa and the University of Guelph, Ontario, studied hatchlings of the painted turtle *Chrysemys picta*; their findings are published in the US journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. They show that baby turtles protect themselves against the cold by 'freeze tolerance'; this means that though water outside the cells freezes, high concentrations of carbohydrates and other substances in the internal organs protect the young turtles, allowing them to survive long after their hearts have stopped beating. So while the water turns to ice, substances such as glucose brace the cells against the damage caused by dehydration and deformation of shape. A more usual way to beat the cold is by supercooling; in this strategy, substances are dissolved in water in order to lower its freezing point, so that the body can remain functioning even at sub-zero temperatures. This is practised by fish living in polar regions.

Although supercooling is a well known phenomenon, freeze tolerance is comparatively rare. Apart from four species of frog, the painted turtle is the only land vertebrate that survives hibernation in this way.

This discovery now shows that freeze tolerance is a real alternative to supercooling, and its occurrence in a higher animal form may illustrate general principles of cold storage in animals and their organs. The researchers think the phenomenon could hold the key to the development of techniques for preserving mammalian organs in cold storage. To develop such techniques will involve studying the responses of different organ systems to cold. In the organs of the turtles, chemical changes occurred which were consistent with long term oxygen starvation after blood flow stopped. The main change was a build-up of lactic acid, the same chemical that accumulates in the stressed muscles of athletes; when the muscles are forced to work at a rate beyond that of the body's ability to supply them with oxygen, they switch to emergency chemical pathways that do not require oxygen to extract energy from food. Lactic acid is a by-product of this process. The concentration of glucose in the turtles' livers and blood tripled, as did the concentration of glycerol in the blood after the turtles had survived 8 degrees of frost over the winter. And the blood cells received additional protection from amino acids, which increased in concentration by a factor of 2.25. Despite being almost literally freeze-dried, thawed-out baby turtles recovered completely.

Henry Gee

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OBITUARIES

DR W. CAMPBELL SMITH

Centenarian mineralogist

Dr Walter Campbell Smith, CBE, MC, TD, who died on December 6 at the age of 101, spent his entire working life in the mineral department of the British Museum (Natural History). The excellent state of its rock collections rests solidly on his efforts. Military service alone, took him away from his beloved Museum, and he served with distinction in both world wars.

Born on November 30, 1887, he joined the Museum in 1910 after graduating in Natural Sciences at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Almost immediately the Department of Mineralogy acquired from the Geological Society of London its collection of 10,000 foreign rocks and Campbell Smith was assigned the mammoth task of incorporating them. The results of his work may be perceived by the visitor to the Department today.

On the outbreak of war in 1914 he joined the Artists' Rifles as a lance-corporal, having previously been a member of the Territorial Army. He saw active service on the western front throughout the war and was awarded the MC in 1916, besides being mentioned twice in despatches. He also held the Territorial Decoration.

Demobilized as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1919, he returned to the Museum, where he studied and described in papers the material collected on the Discovery and Terra Nova Antarctic expeditions.

He was also in regular correspondence with Frank Dixey of the Colonial Geological Survey in Africa, and deduced from specimens sent to London that certain African rocks rich in calcium carbonate were carbonatites of igneous origin and not blocks of limestone caught up in igneous complexes. He also played a leading role in the characterization of neolithic jade implements found in Britain. He was appointed Keeper of the Department in 1937.

After the Second World War, during which he was given leave to join up again to command an Officer Cadet Training Unit, Campbell Smith reestablished the Department of Mineralogy, the storing of whose valuable collection he supervised at the outbreak of hostilities.

He retired in 1952 but continued to work part-time at the Department for a number of years.

He married, in 1936, Dr Susan Finnegan, a staff member of the Museum's zoology department. She and their son and daughter survive him.

JOHNNY MAKATINI

ANC diplomacy at the United Nations



Mr Johnstone (Johnny) Makatini, a principal aide of Nelson Mandela, the South African National Congress leader, died on December 3 aged 56.

Makatini had been head of the ANC's international affairs department and the organization's chief representative at the United Nations from 1977 to 1985. He was also a well-known figure in the Organization of African Unity and the Non-Aligned Movement.

Makatini was widely credited with formulating the ANC's policy of winning support from both the Eastern and Western blocs against apartheid. Within the ANC he opposed the efforts of the South African Communist party to dominate the movement, arguing that it must remain as broad-based as possible.

A good linguist, Makatini's diplomatic ability at the UN, coupled with a sometimes teasing personality, enabled him to bridge political differences and win new friends for the anti-apartheid movement amongst a wide range of people and organizations. He had been a member of the ANC national executive since 1974.

Born in Durban, he trained as a teacher but quickly became an ANC activist. As a student organizer during the 1960 and 1961 protests he was arrested on numerous occasions and in 1962 he was instructed by the ANC to work for it from abroad. He had lived in exile ever since.

JOHN ST JOHN

Vigorous career in publishing

John St John died suddenly at the age of 71 on December 2, only a few days after completing his immense History of Heinemann written for the company's centenary in 1990. This five year project was a fitting conclusion to his 30 years with Heinemann.

John St John was born on February 7, 1917, into a Royal Naval family and was educated at Wellington. During the war he served in the same Royal Marines unit as Evelyn Waugh — an experience gave the title to his book *To the War With Waugh*.

After the war and almost three years in hospital, he abandoned his intended career as an accountant. His experiences in the East End had caused him to embrace left wing politics, and after a brief spell as a journalist he entered publishing.

The Naldrett Press, which he now joined, and where he produced the official publications of the Football Association, was taken over by Heinemann in 1953.

It was within this old established traditional house that he created an entirely new business, publishing professional, management and technical books.

His fecundity was considerable and usually unprompted by literary agents; books just seemed to "happen" to him. They ranged from Peter Drucker's *Practice of Management* to *Sunday Times* ex-editor Harold Evans's five volume series on editing and design. Titles such as *Science for Hairdressers* jostled with *Teeline* — a new system of shorthand.

His strong social conscience caused him to serve as a Labour councillor in Hampstead and later Camden, and to write two books *Probation — The Second Chance* and *Religion and Social Justice*.

His deepest feelings however were expressed in *Travels in Inner Space* (1977) an exploration of spirituality. His more popular works included two novels and *Surgeons at Arms*, an account of the battle of Arnhem.

He is survived by his second wife Diana and by one son and three daughters.

"STALKY" DUNSTERVILLE

World authority on Venezuelan orchids

G. C. K. ("Stalky") Dunsterville, Venezuela's foremost authority on wild orchids, died in El Hatillo, Caracas, on November 26, aged 83. Dunsterville was born in Devon, in 1905. His father, Major-General Lionel Charles Dunsterville, served in the Indian Army and, after the First World War, in Persia, where he lead the so-called "Dunsterforce".

Dunsterville inherited from him the nickname "Stalky", which had been given to his father by Rudyard Kipling, after his school story *Stalky and Co.*

He studied oil mining and engineering at Birmingham University, and started his first career with Royal Dutch Shell. This took him to the USA, Egypt (where he met and married his wife Nora), Venezuela, Trinidad and Holland.

From Holland he escaped to England in 1939, just ahead of the German Army, with his two young daughters. During the war he served in Egypt.

Afterwards he returned to South America, first to Colombia and then to Venezuela. He continued to work in the oil business before retiring in 1959 as President of Shell de Venezuela.

However by this time he was already deeply involved in what was to become his second career: the study of orchids.

Dunsterville was the author of many books and articles on the plants. His greatest contribution to orchidology was the six-volume *Venezuelan Orchids Illustrated*, written jointly with Dr Leslie Garay of Harvard University. This contains illustrations of 1,000 different orchids to be found in Venezuela and was the result of 20 years of work.

From 1958 he was a Research Fellow of Harvard University. In 1962 the Venezuelan government issued a series of postage stamps showing his paintings of orchids.

Along with his wife he continued to collect and classify orchids in Venezuela until his death. He discovered many new species, several of which came to bear his name.

Loretto School

Loretto is pleased to announce an increased range of Scholarships, Exhibitions and Bursaries to boys, and Sixth Form girls of all-round ability. Many of the Scholarships are open to boys in the Junior School (the "Nippers") from aged eight onwards, to continue throughout their time at Loretto. Scholarships are also available for talented Musicians and Pipers. For further details please contact the Headmaster's Secretary, Loretto School, Musselburgh, near Edinburgh, EH21 7RE.

Democrats press for rethink on Union

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.
Romans 15:30

BIRTHS

MUMFORD - On December 2nd, at B.M.H., Hannover, to Christine and Jonathan, a daughter, Sally Rose, a sister for Jane.

ANDREAE - On December 3rd to Annabel Dominique (née Nater) and Philip, a daughter, Clio Alexandra, a sister for Lee.

BROWN - On December 3rd 1988, to Caroline (née Maltby) and Patrick a daughter, Charlotte Elena Chevallier, sister for Tom, Pip and Edward.

FRYKFORS - On November 26th 1988, to proud parents Karen Josephine Acheson-Frykfors (née Acheson) and Peter Carl-Olof Frykfors. Little Feet have arrived, her name is Anna Kerryne.

GALLOP - On November 17th, to Joanna (née Roberts) and Paul, a daughter, Camilla Marion.

HAYES - On December 7th, at Pembury Hospital, to Maxine (née Mitchiner) and Gordon, a daughter, Eleanor Ruth. A sister for Josephine.

JACKSON - See Kay.

KAY - On December 6th to Helena (née Hawkins) and William a daughter, Natacha Katharine.

KAY - On December 6th, to Alexandra (née Jackson) and Philip, a daughter, Mafalda.

STEAD - On December 6th, to Nico (née Gent) and Richard, a son, Archie Basil.

THORNTON-JONES - On December 7th, to Jane (née Stammers) and Tim, a daughter, Lucy Jane.

MARRIAGES

HUTCHINSON:GEORGE - On December 3rd 1988, in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, Sub. Lt. Christopher J.C. Hutchinson R.N. and Miss Sally George (Pearson).

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

ANDREWS:HARTLEY - On December 10th 1938, at Milton-Next-Gravesend Parish Church, Leslie to Betty.

THWAITES:ABELL - On December 10th, 1938 at Worthington, Brian to Madelaine. They announce with thankfulness the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

DEATHS

BEALES - On December 9th 1988, peacefully at home after a long and brave fight against cancer, Rachael Valerie beloved wife of David, mother of Simon, Daniel, Alexander and Adam, loved daughter of David and Barbara Sims. Service of Thanksgiving, Wednesday, December 14th 3.00pm at Cirencester Parish Church. Family flowers only. Donations to local charities c/o the Parish Church Treasurer.

CROSSLEY COOKE - On December 7th, peacefully, Veronica Mary, widow of Kenneth and beloved mother of David and Caroline, grandmother of Samantha, Lucinda, Charles and Nicola. Funeral Service at Woking St. John's Crematorium, on Thursday, December 15th at 12 noon. Flowers to F W Chitty & Co., Weybridge (0932) 842220.

GILSON - On December 5th, peacefully with his family, George Alfred Gilson, musician, aged 81. Cremation Cheltenham, December 12th. Details (0242) 510088.

GORDON - On December 7th, peacefully, James Stewart - (Jimmie) aged 37 years, beloved adored eldest son of Marguerite and the late Ian Gordon and so very dearly loved and respected brother of Phil, Rick and Graham.

HALFHEAD - On December 7th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Norman, husband of Daphne, father of Christopher and grandfather of Lucy and Michael. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at St. Mary's Church, Kippington Road, Sevenoaks, at 12.30 pm on Friday, December 16th. No flowers please. Enquiries to Francis Chappell, Tel: (0732) 450203.

HOBSON - On December 7th 1988, at home, Peggie Hobson Ph.D. Beloved sister of Joyce Preddie and Ena Hobson and devoted aunt and friend. Funeral service at St. James's Episcopal Church, Inverleith Row, Trinity, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, December 14th at 10.30am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired to the Haematology Research Fund, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. Memorial service in the South later.

HOLLAND - On December 8th, Robert Josling, at home in Fittleworth, formerly Argentinia. Beloved husband of Adela. Funeral December 13th. Chichester Crematorium. 12 noon.

IRELAND - On December 8th, William Hudson - our beloved Bill. Funeral service at St. Peters Church, Parkstone, Poole, on Wednesday December 14th at 2.pm. Followed by private interment in Parkstone Cemetery. Flowers to Tapper Funeral Service 32/34 Parkstone Rd, Poole, Dorset.

LANGAN - On December 7th, Peter Daniel of Langan's Brasserie and Odin's. Husband of Susan and brother of John. Funeral strictly private.

MORGAN - On December 7th, at his home Stadbrook, Mork, Lydney, Glos., William John, aged 59 years. Dearly loved husband and father of Mary and Aled. Funeral service Wednesday, December 14th, 2.30 pm at St. Albans Church, Treboeth, Swansea, prior to interment at Cwmgelli Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the church or donations if so desired for, St Lawrence Hospital, Chepstow, may be sent to Philip Blatchly & Son Ltd, Highcroft House, Woolaston, Lydney, Glos. Tel: Netherend 345.

MORRISON - On Friday December 9th, peacefully at home, Peter, husband of Sylvia, beloved father and grandfather.

NUNN - On December 9th, in N.S.W. Australia, Mattie. Jeremiah 31:3. Beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

POWELL - On December 9th, at home in Spain, Kenneth James, Wing Commander RAF (retd), CBE, DFC, beloved husband of Gisela and father of Barnaby, Victoria and Jenny.

PRICE - On December 8th peacefully after a heart attack at Littlehampton, Thomas John in his 86th year, father, grandfather, and friend. Service and cremation at Findon Valley Crematorium, Worthing, 2.00 pm Monday December 19th.

REYNOLDS - On December 8th, Robert (Paddy) (Squadron leader rtd.), D.F.C, D.F.M., B.A., A.C.P. of Oakwood Lane, Leeds 8. Much loved husband of Marion.

SOLMAN - On December 9th, peacefully at home, Norah Alice (née Carter). Wife of the late Geoff, sister of Joan Illingworth. Funeral at Exeter & Devon Crematorium, Topsham Road, Exeter, on Tuesday December 13th at 1.30pm. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research.

SPENCER - On December 7th, 1988 peacefully at home, Shirley, much loved wife of Ulric and mother of Nicola and Amanda. Family funeral. Thanksgiving service at St. Mary the Virgin, Silchester, on December 20th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to B.D.H. Scanner Appeal, Basingstoke Hospital.

TODD - On December 8th, peacefully in hospital, James Maclean, beloved and loving husband of Janet, father of Margaret and John, and grandfather of James. Funeral service at All Saints' Highfield, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, on Wednesday, December 14th at 2.00 pm.

YOUNG - On November 30th, A. Stuard ('Stu') suddenly, at Grand Union Station, Washington DC; of New Hope and Philadelphia PA; Anglophile, Aviator, Motor Racing Fanatic, Lawyer and devoted husband and father. Sadly missed by all his friends throughout the world.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BARTER - Jane Margaret (née Perry-Warnes) 02.10.26 to 11.12.86. Loved and admired and not to be forgotten. Susan.

COVEN - In cherished memory of Rale, very loved mamma. December 10th 1957. Frank and Edwina.

CROSS - Hubert. The warmth of your friendship lives with us each day. Jackie and John.

MULLER - John. November 25th 1972. A much loved father and grandfather of David, Margaret, Joanna, Sarah and Dugal. 'Primus Inter Pares'.

POPPER - David. In cherished memory of my Father, December 11th 1974, and my Mother Beatrice, January 20th, 1954, and my Brother, Basil, December 10th 1952. Always remember the happy times - Alexander.

RIND - Frank. Treasured memories of our beloved, gentle Frank, taken from us on December 10th 1968 (Kislev 19th). Still so terribly missed by us all, unforgotten, unforgetable. Sylvia, Alan, Barbara, both our families, the Maister family, Roger and the 3 lovely grandchildren, Frank, Leslie and Dominic, that he never knew.

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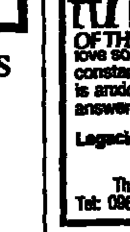
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Scheme - The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. Copies can be obtained from them at Graeme House, Derby Square, Liverpool L2 7SB (ref: 604804-LD(N).

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CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 005737 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF THE RENWICK GROUP plc
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 28th day of November 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for (a) the sanctioning of a Scheme of Arrangement and (b) the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £5,180,000 to £4,678,616. The amount by which the capital of the Company is proposed to be reduced is to be applied in paying up shares of the Company to a like amount
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on Monday the 19th day of December 1988
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 10th December 1988
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59-67 Gresham Street
London EC2V 7JA
Solicitors for the company

NO 006159 OF 1988
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BOOKER PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 28th November 1988 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company by £115,000,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 30th November 1988
Dated this 10th day of December 1988
Simmons & Simmons (ROB)
14 Dominion Street
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Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 006074 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF THE PRIVATE CAPITAL PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was on the 17th day of November 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above named company by £5,256,000
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Lovell White Durrant, Solicitors for the above named Company
Ref L2/PJH/CVM

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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(IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
1. That Kenneth James Barker FCA of 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus EC2M 5SQ was appointed liquidator of the company on 2 December 1988.
2. That the creditors of the company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 6th day of January 1989, to send in their full Christian and surnames, the addresses and descriptions of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Kenneth James Barker FCA of 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 5 day of December 1988
K J BARKER - Liquidator

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(IN MEMBERS' LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above company are required, on or before January 31, 1989, to send in their names, addresses and particulars of their claims to the undersigned, the liquidator of the said company, at Arthur Young, Barclays House, 6 East Parade, Leeds, LS1 1HA, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such claims are notified.
Date: December 5 1988
M T Dobell - Liquidator
NOTE: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27, of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

JUDSON GILES (otherwise Judson, Giles Peter) of Sunnyside Hostel, Sunnyside Road, Droylsden, Manchester, died on 15th March 1986. Particulars to Wells & Company, Solicitors of 4 Simon Campion Court, High Street, Epping, Essex CM16 4AU. before 17th February 1989.

SMITH formerly Wiggins nee Farmer, Kathleen May Smith formerly Wiggins nee Farmer, late of 20 Chestnut Avenue, Wheatley Hills, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, died at Doncaster on 1st November 1986 (Estate about £26,000)
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BLOOM, MAURICE ISAAC of 3 East Lodge, Holly Park Gardens, Finchley, London N3 3NH died on the 7th October 1988. Particulars to Hamlin Slowe, PO Box 46Q, Roxburghe House, 273/287 Regent Street, London W1A 4SQ before 18th February 1989.

Third Sunday in Advent

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M, The Very Rev P Mitchell; 11 S Euch, Schubert in G, Gabriel's message does away (Piae Cantiones), The Dean; 3.15 E, Responses (Reading), Purcell in B flat, Salvator mundi (Blow), Dr D Ormrod; 6.30 Tonbridge School Carol Service.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Missa Ad Imitationem Pater Noster (Handl), Litany (Loosemore), Canon R Metcalfe; 11.30 M, Responses (Moore), Moore in D, Stanford in A; 4 E, Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense (Tippett), This is the record of John (Gibbons), Canon R Mayland.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8, 11.30 HC, Missa Bella Amfitrit'altera (Lassus), Rorate coeli (Byrd); 10.30 M, Benedictus (Moore), Jackson in G, Rev G Routledge; 3.15 E, St Paul's Service (Howells), Vox dicentis (Naylor), Rev A MacIntosh.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Tomkins), Benedicite in B flat (Purcell), People look east, Advent Carol, Rev S Charles; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Walton Missa Brevis, Rev C Semper; 3 E, Prepare ye the way (Wise), Rev D Evans; 5.45 Organ recital, 6.30 ES, Rev S Charles.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Missa Brevis (Lennox Berkeley), This is the record of John (Gibbons), Zion hears her watchmen's voices (Bach), Canon I Smith-Cameron.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Prepare ye the way (Wise), Ven R Simpson.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11.15 M, Cole in E minor, Rejoice in the Lord Alway (Purcell), The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC; 11 M & HC (BCP), Lord we beseech thee (Batten), And the glory of the Lord - Messiah (Handel), The Chaplain.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Rootham in E minor, Behold, the hour cometh (Tomkins), The Chaplain.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9, 12.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev J Stokes; 3 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Tomblings & Britten in E flat, Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell), Rev J Blease; 3.30 E, We wait for they loving kindness (McKie), Blow in the Dorian mode, Laetentur coeli (Byrd).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Cualter de Mello.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart), "O Lord, look down from heaven" (Battishill), Canon J Nicholls; 6 E&B, Watson in E, "Wash ye thoroughly" (Wesley), The Vicar.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev I Bentley; 6.30 Rev R Bewes.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 Childrens Service; 11 M, Rev J Cross; 6 E, D Royce.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev M Butchers.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (1662); 10.30 HC (ASB); 6.30 Evening Service.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 Choral MP, Rev M Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Spatzenmesse (Mozart), Fr P Baker; 5.30 LM.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Byrd 4 part Mass, This is the record of John (Gibbons), Prelude in C minor (Bach), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Plainsong Evensong for Men's voices followed by Britten's ceremony of carols for treble voices and harp.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Ireland in C, "Teach me, O Lord", (Attwood), Rev Fr Bill; 6.30 Healing Service (Arna Blum).
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Advent Prose & Euch E, Fr R Cosh; 5.30 Instruction; 6.30 EP.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Viadana), O for a closer walk with God (Stanford), The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev P Galloway; 6.30 EP, Rev G Taylor.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 Christingle, Rev M Parker; 6.30 Spotlight Service.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6 EP.
ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch with Sunday School, Ven G Cassidy; 6.30 E Worship, Rev B Callaghan.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 S Euch, Missa Sancti Johannis Baptista, This is the record of John (Gibbons); 6.30 E, The Vicar.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Whitlock in G, O Taste and See (Vaughan Williams), Rev M Butchers; 6.30 E, Save us, O Lord (Bairstow), Rev D Watson.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 S Euch, Gibbons in F, Lord, we beseech thee (Batten), Rev T Devonshire Jones.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Choral M & Sermon, Rev P Chester; 12.15 HC.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Rev S Roberts; 11.30 MP, The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Carol Service; 4.30 Choral E; 5.30 Procession leaves church for 5.45 Blessing of the Crib in Trafalgar Square; 6.30 EP, The Vicar.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa "St Johannis de Deo" (Haydn), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell), Christe Redemptor omnium (Monteverdi), Bishop K Woollcombe; 6.15 E & Solemn B.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass in C minor (Mozart), Lass dich nur nichts (Brahms), Rev A Henderson; 6.30 E, Rev D Head.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M & HC, Drop down, ye heavens (Lloyd), Responses (Aylward), Gibbons in F, Prepare ye the way of the Lord (Wise).
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Brevis in D major (Mozart), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell), Canite tuba (Guerrero), Rev C Courtauld.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family M; 11 Solemn Mass, Miss Bell 'Amfitrit' (Lassus), This is the record of John (Gibbons), Rev D Tilyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, O Lord in Thy wrath rebuke me not (Gibbons); 6.30 Guest Service, Brother James's Air, Preb J Pearce.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Roe), Hosanna to the Living Word (Roe), God so loved the world (Stainer); 6 Solemn E & B, Fr J Towers.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Messe basse (Faure), Tantum ergo (Faure); 6 LM & B.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev Gillesbuig Macmillan; 6.30 Rev W Cairns.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev K Hughes.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM; 11 SM.
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.30, 4.30, 7 Missa Scala Aretina (Valls), Veni Domine (Mendelssohn).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Mass in G minor (Nibelle), O sacrum convivium (Messaien).
ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10 MM; 11 Mass for Four Voices (Byrd), Cantantibus Domino (Brunetti), 12.15, 6.30.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11 Rev E Waugh; 6.30 Mr B Harley.
CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Miss Z Zuvcenko; 6 Rev M Braddy.
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev P Hoar; 6.30 Rev L Griffiths.
KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11 Rev W Lewis; 2.30 Dr W Atkinson, 6.30 Nathanael Invitation Evening.
KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: Third Sunday in Advent, Gift Sunday "Share", Rev P Lovell.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R Scope.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R Englund; 7 Jazz Advent, Rev R Englund.
ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: Rev Dr R Latham.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Rev P Hulme.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R Tudor.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11. Meeting for worship.

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Church news

Appointments

The Rev Norman Warren, Rector of Morden, and Rural Dean of Merton, diocese of Southwark: to be Archdeacon of Rochester and Canon Residentiary of Rochester Cathedral, diocese of Rochester.
The Rev Rodney W.D. Biddle, Curate, St Bartholomew, Penn, diocese of Lichfield: to be Priest-in-charge, united benefice of Montford, Shrawardine and Fitz, and Priest-in-charge, St George Shrewsbury, same diocese.
The Rev Peter Brown, Member of the Company of Mission Priests, and Curate, Byker St Anthony, diocese of Newcastle: to be Curate, St Philip's, Chaddesden, diocese of Derby.
The Rev Ken Gardiner, Vicar, St Philip and St James, Chatham, and Rural Dean of Rochester, diocese of Rochester: to be also an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev David B. Godsell, Member of the Company of Mission Priests, and Vicar, Byker St Anthony, diocese Newcastle: to be Priest-in-charge, St Philip's, Chaddesden, diocese Derby.
The Rev Jean Hall, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Andrew with St Bartholomew, Bristol, diocese of Bristol: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), St Ambrose, East Bristol Team Ministry, same diocese.
The Rev Raymond W. Hayter, Chaplain, HM Youth Custody Centre, Stoke Heath, diocese of Lichfield: to be Chaplain, HM Prison, Maidstone, diocese of Canterbury.
The Rev Peter Henwood, Vicar, St Mary's, Bromley, and Rural Dean of Bromley, diocese of Rochester: to be also an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev Glyn Holland, Assistant Priest, Brighouse Team Ministry, diocese of Wakefield: to be Vicar, St Andrew's, Ferrybridge, and part-time Chaplain at Pontefract General Hospital, same diocese.
The Rev Mervyn R. McKinney, Curate, Bickenhill with Elmdon, diocese Birmingham: to be Vicar, St Mary's, Addiscombe, diocese Southwark.
The Rev Michael O'Connor, Vicar, Rainham, diocese of Rochester: to be also Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev Donald Ruddle, Vicar, East Malling, and Rural Dean of West Malling, and Secretary of the Diocesan Council for Mission and Unity, diocese of Rochester: to be also an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev James A.G. Scott, Vicar, Thorp Arch with Walton, diocese of York: to be Vicar, Kirk Ella, same diocese.
The Rev J. Herbert B. (Bertie) Talbot, Rector, Igtham, diocese of Rochester: to be also Rural Dean of Shoreham, same diocese.
The Rev John R. Tye, Rector, Ightfield-with-Calverhall, and Vicar, Ash (held in plurality), diocese of Lichfield: to be Rector, united benefice of Carlton, Cauldon, Grindon and Waterfall, same diocese.
The Rev Glenn W.P. Wilton, Chaplain, Pastures Hospital, Mickleover, Derby, diocese of Derby: to be Chaplain, St Augustine's Hospital, Chartham, diocese of Canterbury.
The Rev Dennis Winter, Vicar, Paddock Wood, diocese of Rochester: to be also Rural Dean of Tonbridge, same diocese.
The Rev Michael Meadows, non-stipendiary minister, Canford Magna diocese of Salisbury: to be Assistant Curate, Radipole Team, same diocese.
The Rev Derek Morton, Industrial Missioner in the City of Norwich, attached to the parish of St Peter Mancroft, Norwich, diocese of Norwich: to be Senior Chaplain to the Norwich Industrial Mission Team. He will continue to be attached to the parish of St Peter Mancroft, same diocese.
Canon Peter Oades: to be Canon Emeritus, Salisbury Cathedral, diocese of Salisbury, on retirement as Vicar, Woodford Valley, same diocese.
The Rev Peter J Richmond, Priest-in-charge, St John, Wolverhampton, diocese of Lichfield: to be Priest-in-charge, Loppington with Newton and Edstaston, same diocese.
Canon Phillip Roberts, former incumbent, Upper Chelsea Holy Trinity with St Jude, diocese of London: to be Vicar, Cathedral Close, diocese of Salisbury.
The Rev Michael B Sanders, Vicar, St Philip, Dorridge-with-St James, Bentley Heath, diocese of Birmingham: to be Team Rector, Walsall Team, diocese of Lichfield.
The Rev David A Smethurst, Dean, St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, diocese of Hong Kong and Macao: to be Resident Director of the Acorn Christian Healing Trust Resource Centre, Whitehill Chase, Bordon, Hampshire, diocese of Guildford.
Canon Ian Savile, formerly Vicar, Canford Magna, diocese of Salisbury, and recently appointed Patronage Secretary, Church Pastoral Aid Society: to be a Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral, diocese of Salisbury.
The Rev David W Vail, General Secretary, The Ruanda Mission, Church Missionary Society: to be Vicar, Christ Church, Virginia Water, diocese of Guildford.
The Rev John D Walker, Team Vicar, Pocklington Team Ministry, diocese of York: to be Priest-in-charge, Hovingham, same diocese, pending the proposed pastoral scheme creating a new benefice of Amotherby with Appleton-le-Street, Barton-le-Street, Slingsby and Hovingham, when he will be Team Vicar.

Appointments

Admiral Sir Julian Oswald to be First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff. The appointment carries with it Membership of the Defence Council and of the Admiralty Board of the Defence Council.

Professor M G Nicholls to be Honorary Consultant in Medicine to the Army in Hong Kong.
Miss Joy Kinsley, Governor of Brixton Prison, to be a member of HM Inspectorate of Prisons. She succeeds Mr Derek Shaw who becomes Governor of Stafford Prison.

Mr Reg Withers, Governor of Parkhurst Prison, to be Governor of Brixton Prison. His successor is Mr James Blakey.

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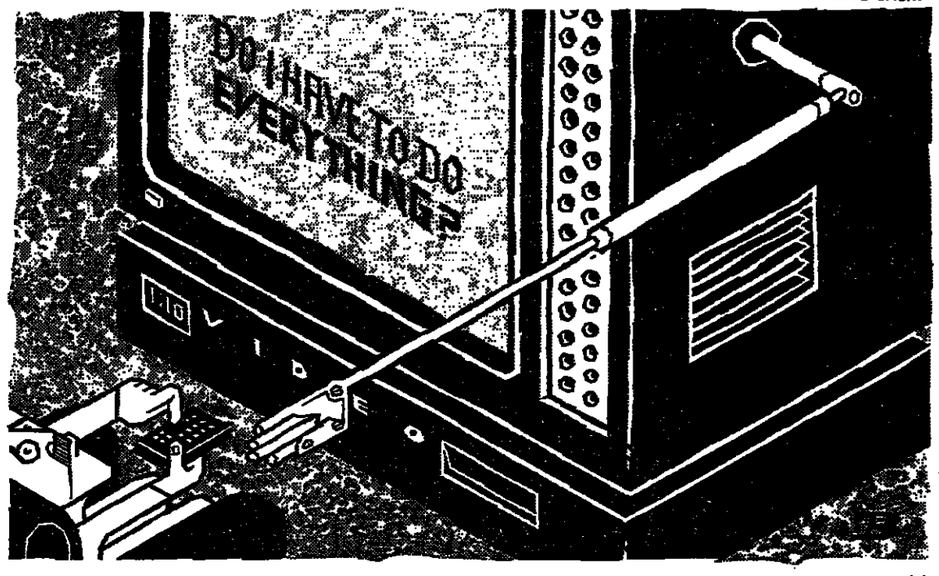
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SHOPPING

Secrets of the black box

Deyan Sudjic contemplates the complicated past and the technocratic, slim-line future of remote control units

ERIC BEAUMONT



Back in the technological stone age, when stereo systems came in teak and brushed aluminium, the trappings of power made the tribal pecking order perfectly obvious. Aggressively ribbed knobs, and switches that moved with a satisfying "thunk", were calculated to give the average hunter-gatherer with a taste for heavy metal the agreeable sensation of being in command of enough raw energy to blow out every pane of glass in the street.

But in ego-massaging terms there were drawbacks. When it is the machine that gets all the attention, it is not clear who is boss. Especially as switching on the set means getting down on all fours and performing a ritual obeisance at the household shrine.

Remote control has changed all that. The hardware — television sets, video cassette recorders, compact disc players — has been stripped of chrome and of superfluous knobs, leaving it looking comparatively tame and civilized compared with its neanderthal ancestors. Sleek, anonymous and unassertive, the black boxes that it comes in look interchangeable. But without the remote control unit it is reduced to impotence.

Every moderately well-equipped household now boasts its own four by eight inch diecast injection-moulded rectangular power plank that turns its owner into a fully fledged Master of the Universe — provided that they have the wit to know which button to press. The black boxes come chattering to life only when the power plank deigns to notice their presence, and for once it is obvious who is boss.

The first remote control units were fat, ungainly things, the size of a dictionary. Masters of the Universe in this incarnation tended to sit around the house in their vests all day long, glugging Budweiser in six packs, too comatose to lurch out of their armchairs for long enough to switch channels. Remote control in those days was seen as a typically American invention, about as useful as an electric carving knife, or a hot water bottle for dogs. And using one was as undignified as waving an overstuffed ham sandwich around.

But the power plank's image has been transformed. Now that it is not tied to the couch potatoes, it has been turned into a technocratic wand — brushed aluminium case, tactile controls, like a turbo-charged pocket calculator.

Bang & Olufsen was one of the first firms to switch on to the idea of designing one remote control unit to operate all the products in its range, from television sets to CD players. And with its distributed signal box of tricks, it allows anyone with a remote control to stride around the house switching on everything in sight. Piping CD sound through television speakers, or channelling music through a secondary television set, to their heart's content.

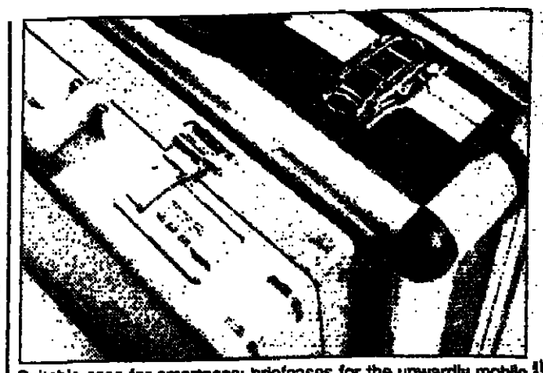
For a while, cycling past B & O showrooms in the small hours with a remote control unit and pressing enough buttons to turn everything up full-blast, and disturbing the citizens, became a popular pastime among Denmark's juvenile delinquents. The company only got over the problem when it instructed its salesmen to pull the plugs out when they went home at night.

A more intractable problem emerged as the power plank got smarter and smarter. With more than 45 buttons to play with, the average Master of the Universe began to find making head or tail of the panel heavy going. What on earth does one of those little sharp signs mean? Or a star, or even a square with a diagonal stripe across it? And how on earth can you tell that you have *really* managed to get every step of the complex process where you instruct a VCR to record a 45-minute programme on Channel 4 in two weeks' time?

To try to overcome the problem, the Japanese electronics companies have gone to bizarre extremes to make their products idiot-proof, if not easily intelligible. One of them even offers a menu of bar codes, and a light pen that reads off the code of your choice, which corresponds to a particular setting. Then simply point and squeeze. Technologically ingenious it may be, but what Master of the Universe wants to be reduced to the humble level of a supermarket checkout assistant?

Even more humiliating in its implications is the Japanese machine that talks back to you (in the robotic, exasperated nanny tones of a tinpot Austin Montego, telling you to fasten your seat belt before it will start), informing you of the idiocy of the action that you have just instructed it to perform.

A much better bet, and it is the style that B & O is starting to use, is to play up the symbolism. Why not actually make the remote control unit look like a wand, or a sceptre? At least it is going to make the wretched thing easier to find when you forget where you have left it.

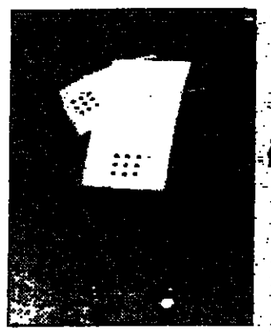


Suitable case for smartness: briefcases for the upwardly mobile

A case for the stocking

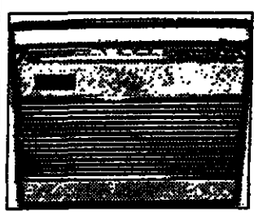
Nicole Swengley offers advice for the avant-garde

An unusual idea for a gift, which possesses an individuality lacking in so many stocking-fillers, is *The Toothache*, a full-colour reproduction of an illustrated booklet by the Victorian caricaturist, George Cruickshank. This delightful concertina booklet is worth every penny of the £2.45 which the Arts Council deems fit to charge. For copies, call 01-921 0894 (Visa/Access) or write to Arts Publications Office, South Bank Centre, Festival Hall, London SE1 8XX.



Elegant nibbles: salt and pepper shakers; ebony and silver chopsticks by Marianne Forest, £49

● **Timeless classics mirror the mood of the moment, hence the popularity of Bakelite telephones, vintage leather luggage and Lloyd Loom chairs — perhaps not so much a tide of nostalgia as a reaction against over-design. The British manufacturer, Roberts Radio, one of the only survivors of an industry crushed by low-priced Far Eastern competition, has tuned into the appeal of "Englishness" as a style concept, re-issuing its traditional three-band teak and leather-**



cloth mains/battery radio, £72, with six pre-set stations (above). Cosily familiar in looks and simple to operate, the only concession to our ghetto-blaster age is updated styling — red or blue along with tan, grey or black. Even the colours wave the flag.

Case studies

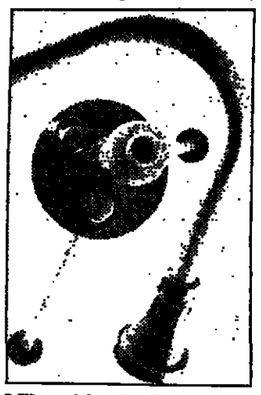
Those trendy briefcases, beloved by photographers and architects, made from aluminium aircraft sheeting may be revered as cult objects but their weight makes them rather impractical. Heal's, 196 Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (01-636 1666), has two lightweight alternatives — one in pale bamboo, £49.95, measuring 12½in x 17½in x 3½in, with a serial number lock; one covered in sturdy black, £39.95, measuring 13in x 18in x 5in, with aluminium corners and edges, for those who can't wholly relinquish the appeal of a silvery sheen.

● **Making your own Christmas cards is simple with the help of an old-fashioned rubber stamp and a coloured ink pad. "Merry Christmas" with a festive camel or delicate angel are just two of the choices available at Graham & Green; others include "Greetings", "Ex Libris", "Announcement" and, especially for freelancers, "Prompt Payment Would Oblige". They cost £6.95 and £7.95 each and a large coloured ink pad is £3.95. For mail order, please enclose 60p. Graham & Green's two shops at 4 and 7 Elgin Crescent, London W11, are well worth visiting for their selection of presents.**

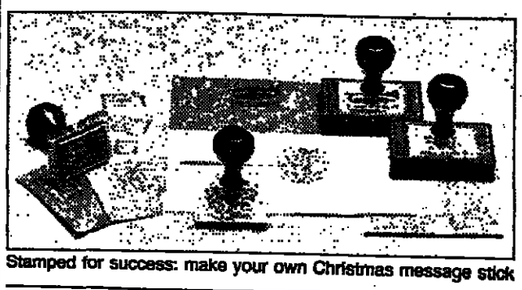
Cool cuisine

For those who treat their workplace like a sedentary cocktail party, nibbling *haute cuisine* take-aways at lunchtime, a pair of slender, silver-plated salt and pepper shakers is sure to polish up the image and status. Designed by Gilles Derain (better known for his furniture and lighting), they pack into a soft travelling pouch and come in two sizes, 3cm x 6cm or 4.5cm x 9cm, at £19.50 or £29.50 per pair. From Mary Fox Linton, 249 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-351 0273).

● **Taking a shower can be a refreshing experience, courtesy of a free-standing, multi-coloured tripod shower by Milano (above). If you do not have the space to set it up at home you can always use it for plant-watering in the garden or patio. It costs £24.95 from Way In Studio at Harrods, Knightsbridge, London SW3 (01-730 1234).**



Hermes has come up with a calf-leather case designed to hold a pack of chewing-gum. The price? A snip at £60. From Hermes, 155 New Bond Street, London W8 (01-499 8856).



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WORD-WATCHING

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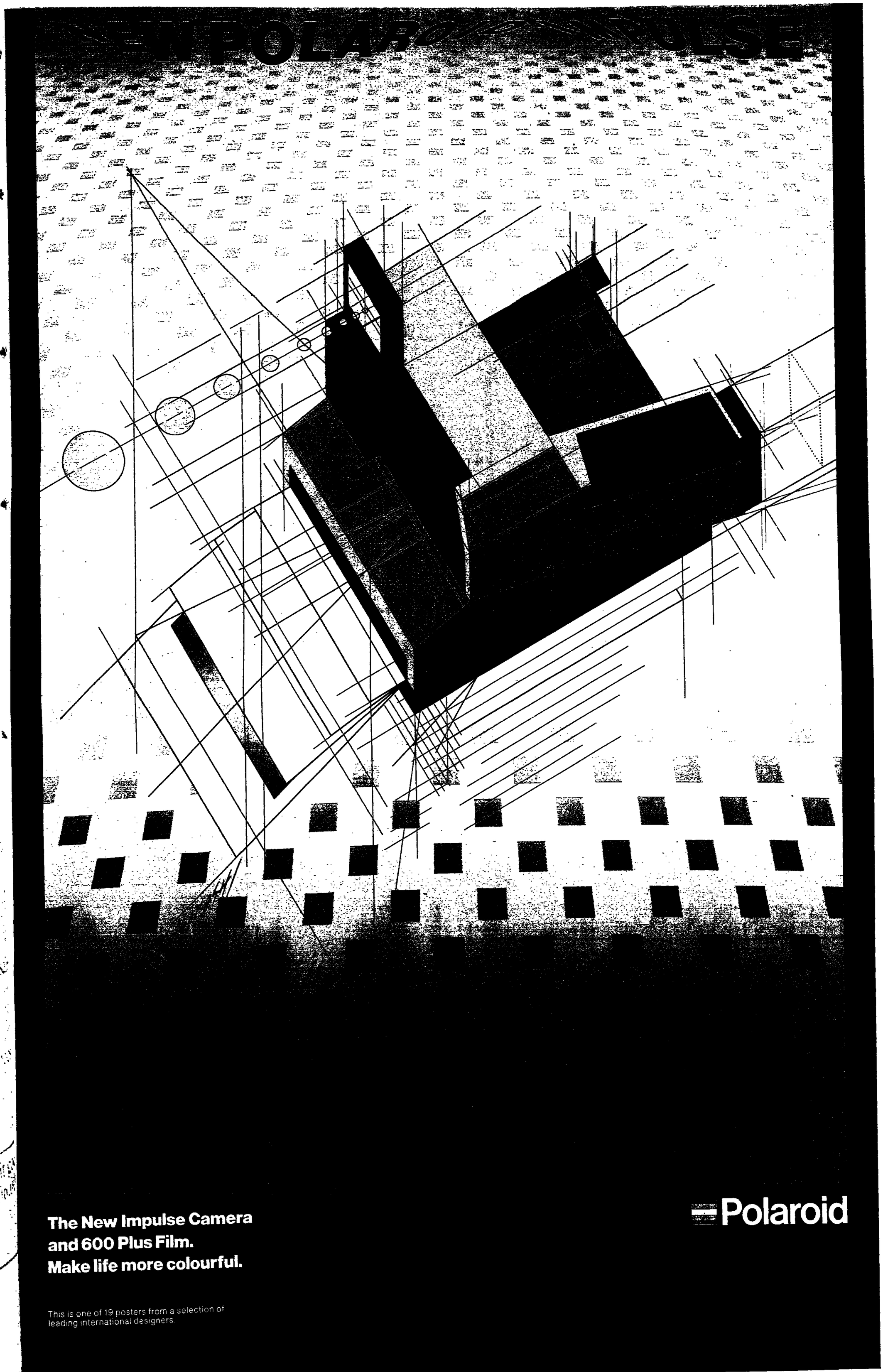
ALEGAR
(a) Sour ale or vinegar made from it, from *ale* + (vine)gar; Carlyle, *The French Revolution*, natch: "Whose small soul, transparent wholesome-looking as small ale, could by no chance ferment into virulent alegar? We shall see."

THIRDBOROUGH
(b) An under-constable, the petty constable of a township or manor, supposedly from OE *frithborh* a surety for peace; Shakespeare: "I myself reprehend his own person, for I am his grace's thirdborough."

SABI
(c) The Japanese word for the kind of beautiful patina that has taken hundreds of years to achieve; in the West we worship youth and newness; in Japan, where reverence for one's ancestors is a tenet of the Shinto and Buddhist religious, old age has its beauty and reverence.

KUKU
(a) A large fruit-eating pigeon of New Zealand, *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*, the wood-pigeon, from the Maori name.




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Foreboding of firemen on mission to Armenia

By Ruth Gledhill

Four British fire officers flew out to Armenia yesterday, grim at thoughts of the scale of the disaster but excited by the prospect of working with Russian firemen.

The three firemen, led by a Home Office fire inspector, have with them £90,000 of the latest heat and sound search equipment which they will train Russian firemen to use in a search for anyone still alive under the debris.

They also took with them their experience from similar disasters in El Savador in 1986 and in Mexico in 1985, where they found people still alive 10 days after the quake.

Mr Norman Roundell, aged 62, a Home Office Fire Services inspector who led the El Salvador and Mexico teams, said the team was taking 11 thermal image cameras and one vibraphone, equipment which will be new to the Russians.

"It is the sheer scale of the disaster that strikes one," Mr Roundell said.

"There will be dozens and dozens of individual tragedies out there. People will look to us for help.

"That is our job and that is what will sustain us. If we can find people alive, rescue them alive, that is the best that we can hope to do.

"We will all be affected but we have got a job to do. It will be like the Blitz in London, when everyone pulled together to pull through. Our job is to help people and we cannot let our emotions get in the way."

The men, in full uniform, looked concerned and tense as they prepared to leave from Fire Brigade headquarters in Lambeth, south London, with a large stock of special clothing to protect them against temperatures that will drop to -18C, and against freezing rain.

They are already worried that the cold might mean people will be unable to survive the length of time they could in the tropical countries and were moved by a sense of urgency.

"We need to get there as quickly as possible," said Paul Quick, a divisional officer, aged 47, based at the brigade's technical, engineering and scientific branch at headquarters.

Divisional Officer Joe Bishop, aged 40, based at the emergency planning branch of the Brigade at Aldersgate in the City, said: "We are expecting a huge disaster with large numbers of casualties.

"I went to Mexico and El Salvador. Fire officers are trained, not just in rescue work, but in attitude.

"Of course we are concerned. But that will not colour our professional conduct when we get there.

"We are all human. We all feel sorry for the people. We cannot shut ourselves off from what has happened.

"But we have to manage our feelings."

The youngest member of the team, Sub Officer Des Hayes, aged 26, is a leading member of the brigade's parachute team.

He was chosen because of his experience in El Salvador, and because of his athletic ability and physical stamina, a spokesman said.

"Our job is to assist as best we can. We are all concerned but we will look after each other," said Mr Hayes, the only unmarried member of the team.

"We will train the Russians to use our equipment."

None of the men speaks Russian and they will be helped by an interpreter.

But Mr Roundell said: "There is a great feeling among firemen all over the world. We are looking forward to working with the Russians.

"Mexico and El Salvador were basically third world countries. Russia is very different, it is a country with a great deal of expertise. It is a marvellous thing to think that we have equipment and knowledge that could be useful to them."

Israelis in 7-hour battle near Beirut



Israeli helicopters supporting ground forces against Palestinian and Druze guerrillas near Beirut, and Druze fighters, below, removing a comrade's body.

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quipped another Palestinian hinting at a big Syrian role in the counter-attack.

Although Syrian batteries were said to have opened fire against the Israeli aircraft, there was no evidence of Syrian engagement on the ground. The bulk of the Israeli force pulled out at mid-morning, but four helicopters were sent back to rescue four soldiers who remained trapped near the monastery.

As two gunships hovered diverting ground fire, the other two darted from the sea and landed to evacuate the four men. Witnesses said they saw two of the soldiers clinging to the skids of the aircraft before it disappeared in a huge cloud of white smoke.

Several hours after the battles, Palestinian guerrillas and Druze militiamen were still searching for victims among the smouldering ruins of buildings shattered by rockets and shellfire.

● JERUSALEM: The operation was described as a great success by Lieutenant General Dan Shomron, the Israeli Chief of Staff (Ian Murray writes). In future, he said, Palestinians would have to devote far greater resources to protecting their bases.

It was not a reprisal raid although significantly it was against a headquarters used by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Only one soldier, Lieutenant Colonel Amir Meital, had been killed and three other men wounded.



Kinnock scorn dismays Scots

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favour of a form of independence within Europe, were "profoundly dishonest".

Mr Kinnock's rebuttal of the swing in favour of the SNP since Govan is likely to further anger members of his party who believe that Labour must adopt more strenuous and specifically Scottish policies in an attempt to defeat Thatcherism.

He made his remarks while meeting staff and management at the National Engineering Laboratory in East Kilbride. The government research centre is due to be privatized and the workers are fighting the sale.

However, Mr Kinnock's attempts to discuss the future of the laboratory degenerated into ill-tempered exchanges with reporters who sought to press him on the question of independence. The Labour leader replied with thinly veiled anger: "The National Engineering Laboratory is threatened. Your obsession with a separate subject is irrelevant to the life of this place and irrelevant to the real economic and technical needs of Scotland and the UK."

Nonetheless, he did say that opinion polls showing a surge in support for nationalism were spurious, since they only presented the options of total independence and complete integration with the UK.

They did not, he added, put forward Labour's own policy position of a properly empowered and directly elected Scottish assembly, the option most favoured by the Scottish people.

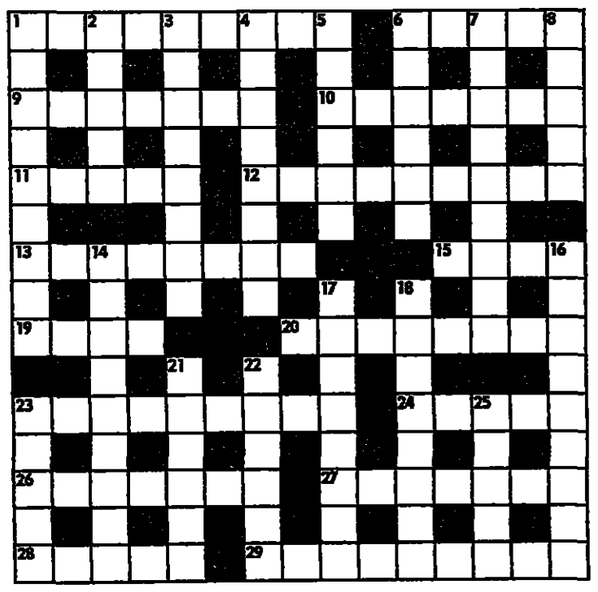
However, during a later stage of his tour around the complex, Mr Kinnock did take the trouble to discuss the debacle at Govan. His party failed to hold the seat, he said, because people were fed up with voting Labour and seeing Mrs Thatcher returned.

"It is a phenomenon which exists elsewhere in Britain in strong Labour areas.

"The election of the Scottish National Party is counter-productive. The only real beneficiary of Govan is Mrs Thatcher."

Mr Kinnock also claimed that the intervention of Scottish nationalism could hinder his party's national advance *towards government.*"

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,849



ACROSS
1 Break law here e.g. as one engaged in revolution (9).
6 Bed out in store? (5).
9 Innocent girl's genuine in moving to front (7).
10 School cricket side's introduced to king (7).
11 Present machine finally has broken down (5).
12 Pluto (9).
13 Beef's finished — and butter, one concludes (8).
15 The best tool (4).
19 A ghastly end? Certainly bloody (4).
20 Churchman invariably backing right objective (8).
23 First-class county comeback for star (9).
24 Romans wait, say, for a sign (5).
26 Even *number* required for squash (7).
27 Turret a girl may appear in (4,3).
28 Get a university beginner to study this poet (5).
29 Steady young Quaker (9).

DOWN
1 One experimented with sound of Roman cave! (6-3).
2 Chilly girl initially wearing a top (5).
3 Turn child needing protection away from shelter (8).
4 Poetical device seen in Keats and Yeats (3-5).
5 Setting for a cello composition (6).
6 Thankless Greek character joins another here in Boeotia (6).
7 Slant before obscure mason inserts unit with tip of chisel (9).
8 The stuff smoked by Northerners? (5).
14 Refuse collectively here to go metric? (5-4).
16 Book a child dropped off (9).
17 Group involved in any rent tribunal, for a start (8).
18 Inhabitant of walled city has yarn with king (8).
21 Islander appearing as composer to audience (6).
22 Robin and Jack socialize (6).
23 Western girl's pronouncement in East European city (5).
25 Articles found under Beachy Head? It's steep (5).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,843

H	O	M	E	A	N	D	D	R	Y			T		B
	P		N		E		A		R	C	H	E	R	
J	O	H	N	D	O	R	Y		R			R		I
	R		E		C		L	A	D	Y	B	I	R	D
	T		A		L		O				L		L	
S	O	N	G		A	N	N	A	B	E	L	L	E	E
O			O		S		G		R			E		P
B	U	R	N	I	S	H		S	I	B	E	R	I	A
E		E		I		F		D		L			T	
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Solution to Puzzle No 17,848

B	O	O	T	L	E	S	S		A			O		H
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	I		M	I	L	I	T	A	R	Y	B	A	N	D
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T		N			X		E	X	P	O	R	T	E	D

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Name/Address.....

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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: M G Leatham, Millbrook Cottage, Penrhos, Gwent; A E Taylor, Windridge, Upton Scudamore, Warminster, Wilts; J Ingham, Baslow Grove, Bradford; J A Bush, Upper Pines, Banstead, Surrey; E Rumley, Riverside Cottages, Cropredy, Banbury, Oxon.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.225	2.285
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Finland Mkk	7.89	7.49
France Fr	11.34	10.74
Germany Dm	3.325	3.145
Greece Dr	290.00	270.00
Hong Kong $	14.89	14.14
Ireland Pt	1.24	1.18
Italy Lire	2460.00	2330.00
Japan Yen	241.00	225.00
Netherlands Gld	3.75	3.55
Norway Kr	12.33	11.73
Portugal Esc	274.50	260.50
South Africa Rd	4.75	4.25
Spain Pta	215.00	204.00
Sweden Kr	11.58	10.98
Switzerland Fr	2.805	2.656
Turkey Lira	3800.00	3600.00
USA $	1.535	1.835
Yugoslavia Dnr	11100.0	8900.00

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Retail Price Index: 109.5 (October)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 7.7 at 1429.4.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ALEGAR
a. Ale vinegar
b. A Spanish gaoler
c. To come to the relief of

THIRDBOROUGH
a. A burgh in the Danelaw
b. An under-constable
c. A type of Yankee bet

SABI
a. Kind of rice brandy
b. Know-how or *savoir-faire*
c. A beautiful patina

KUKU
a. A greedy bird
b. West African porridge
c. A type of ballet skirt

Answers on page 14

WEATHER

Rather cloudy but mild day for most of Britain. There may be some early drizzle in North Wales and northern England, but this will soon be confined to western Scotland. Rest of the country dry and quite bright at times. Outlook: colder later on Sunday as a band of rain is driven south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	s	Majorca	14	57	f
Alex'dria	21	70	f	Malta	11	52	r
Amst'dam	9	48	f	Melb'rne	28	82	c
Athens	14	57	f	Mexico C*	19	66	s
Bahrain	22	72	s	Montreal*	-2	28	sn
Barbados*	28	82	s	Moscow	-1	30	c
Belgrade	3	37	f	Nairobi	24	75	r
Berlin	5	41	s	Naples	9	48	s
Biarritz	9	48	c	N Delhi	21	70	s
Brussels	8	46	c	N York*	6	43	s
Budapest	0	32	sn	Oslo	3	37	s
B Aires*	26	79	s	Paris	9	48	d
Cairo	23	73	s	Peking	3	37	s
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Perth	20	68	s
Ch'church	16	61	c	Prague	4	39	f
Cologne	8	46	-f	Reykjvik	3	37	f
C'phgn	4	39	f	Rio de J	25	77	s
Dublin	12	54	f	Riyadh	23	73	s
Dubrovnik	12	54	s	Rome	10	50	s
Florence	11	52	s	S F'risco*	17	63	s
Funchal	21	70	f	Santiago*	29	84	s
Geneva	0	32	sn	S Paulo*	29	84	c
Gibraltar	16	59	s	St'holm	-2	28	s
Helsinki	0	32	c	Sydney	26	79	s
Hong K	18	64	c	Tangier	18	61	s
Innsbruck	1	34	sn	Tel aviv	24	75	s
Istanbul	9	48	c	Tokyo	16	61	s
Jeddah	31	88	s	Toronto*	-1	30	s
Jo'burg*	16	61	c	Tunis	10	50	c
Karachi	27	81	c	Vanc'ver*	8	46	r
Lisbon	10	50	s	Venice	2	36	f
Locarno	6	43	c	Vienna	4	39	r
L Angels*	23	73	s	Warsaw	2	36	c
Luxembg	7	45	c	Wash'ton*	10	50	f
Luxor	26	79	s	Wel'ton	19	66	s
Madrid	8	46	s	Zurich	1	34	sn

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	c	Guernsey	11	52	r
B'ingham	12	54	c	Inverness	5	41	r
Blackpool	10	50	r	Jersey	11	52	d
Bristol	11	52	f	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	12	54	c	M'chester	11	52	c
Edinburgh	11	52	c	Newcastle	7	45	c
Glasgow	11	52	r	R'naldsway	11	52	r

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 4.22 pm to 7.28 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.36 am
Edinburgh 4.09 pm to 8.04 am
Manchester 4.20 pm to 7.45 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.41 am

TOMORROW
London 4.22 pm to 7.27 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.37 am
Edinburgh 4.08 pm to 8.05 am
Manchester 4.19 pm to 7.46 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.42 am

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.02	11	52	drizzle
Bridlington	0.6	.02	10	50	cloudy
Hunstanton	1.3	.04	9	48	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.3	-	8	46	bright
Southend	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Bognor R	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	9	48	rain
Shanklin	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Bournemth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Poole	0.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Swanage	0.7	.01	10	50	drizzle
Weymouth	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.8	-	12	54	cloudy
Torquay	0.4	.01	12	54	rain
Falmouth	0.8	.01	11	52	shower
Penzance	0.3	.03	11	52	shower
Scilly Isles	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Newquay	0.5	.01	11	52	shower
Minehead	0.8	.05	12	54	shower
Morecambe	-	.14	10	50	rain
Douglas	-	.02	11	52	shower
Buxton	0.2	.05	9	48	shower
Leeds	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Nottingham	0.7	-	10	50	cloudy
Anglesey	-	.01	11	52	drizzle
Colwyn Bay	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Tenby	0.5	.03	12	54	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	.02	10	50	shower
Aviemore	-	.09	11	52	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.20	10	50	drizzle
Kinloss	0.2	.02	10	50	rain
Lerwick	0.2	.37	7	45	sleet
Prestwick	-	.02	11	52	rain
Stornoway	-	.31	9	48	shower
Tiree	-	.12	10	50	rain
Wick	1.0	.15	8	46	shower

These are Thursday's figures

LONDON

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6 (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1030.2 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 8.30am and 9.15am. On Sunday, December 11, 1988 Tower Bridge will be lifted at 8.30am and 9.15am.

MANCHESTER

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Tiverton, Somerset, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.55in; highest sunshine: Birmingham, 1.5hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.04	6.8	2.25	6.8	London Bridge	2.44	6.9	3.08	7.0
Aberdeen	1.35	4.0	1.47	4.2	Aberdeen	2.19	4.1	2.23	4.3
Avonmouth	7.38	12.5	7.58	12.4	Avonmouth	8.19	12.5	8.40	12.4
Belfast	11.20	3.4	11.42	3.3	Belfast	—	—	12.01	3.5
Cardiff	7.23	11.6	7.43	11.5	Cardiff	8.04	11.6	8.25	11.5
Glasgow	12.48	4.6	1.09	4.7	Glasgow	1.31	4.6	1.48	4.8
Harwich	—	—	12.18	3.9	Harwich	12.36	3.8	1.00	3.9
Holyhead	10.40	5.5	11.04	5.3	Holyhead	11.20	5.5	11.47	5.3
Hull	6.43	6.9	6.56	7.1	Hull	7.24	7.0	7.35	7.1
Ilfracombe	6.17	8.9	6.38	8.8	Ilfracombe	6.56	9.0	7.17	8.8
Leith	2.53	5.3	3.09	5.4	Leith	3.38	5.4	3.51	5.4
Liverpool	11.36	9.1	11.57	8.9	Liverpool	—	—	12.17	9.2
Lowestoft	9.48	2.4	10.02	2.5	Lowestoft	10.33	2.4	10.40	2.5
Margate	12.11	4.6	12.31	4.6	Margate	12.50	4.7	1.13	4.7
Milford Haven	6.35	6.8	6.56	6.8	Milford Haven	7.17	6.8	7.38	6.8
Newquay	5.25	6.8	6.46	6.7	Newquay	6.07	6.8	6.28	6.8
Portland	7.25	2.2	7.47	2.0	Portland	8.04	2.2	8.32	2.0
Portsmouth	11.47	4.5	—	—	Portsmouth	12.16	4.4	12.27	4.5
Shoreham	11.30	6.0	12.00	5.9	Shoreham	—	—	12.11	6.0
Southampton	11.19	4.4	11.48	4.4	Southampton	11.56	4.4	—	—
Swansea	6.41	9.2	7.02	9.1	Swansea	7.21	9.2	7.42	9.0
Tees	3.57	5.1	4.10	5.4	Tees	4.41	5.2	4.49	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	—	—	12.11	4.02	W'ton-on-Nze	12.27	4.0	12.53	4.1

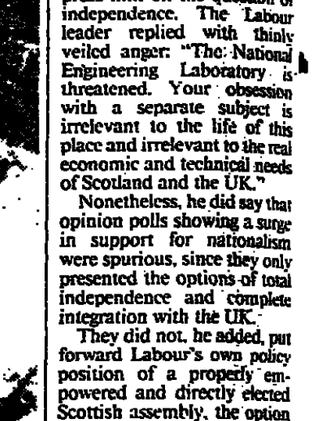
Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are BST

TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	7.55 am	3.52 pm		7.56 am	3.52 pm
	Moon rises:	Moon sets:		Moon rises:	Moon sets:
	9.48 am	4.28 pm		10.31 am	5.45 pm
First Quarter December 15			First Quarter December 16		

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PM



Even before the earthquake, the Armenians were a minority.

Overnight, the population of this tiny republic has been reduced by at least 80,000.

Even more lie injured.

The death toll is certain to rise.

Your money is needed now to provide medical supplies and shelter for those who survive.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.8505 (–0.0035)

W German mark
3.2051 (–0.0236)

Trade-weighted
78.2 (–0.5)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1429.4 (–7.7)

FT-SE 100
1750.7 (–7.2)

Bargains
27648

Rates are biting, says Berkeley

High interest rates are beginning to bite in the London stockbroker belt, according to Mr James Farrer, chairman of Berkeley group, which specializes in custom-built homes in the South-east.

Mr Farrer made clear his worries in his interim statement, though there was little sign of impending problems in the half-time figures.

Profits leapt 69 per cent to £12.7 million on sales no less than 80 per cent higher at £72.8 million.

Shareholders share in the housing boom with a 50 per cent rise in interim dividend of 50 per cent to 1.5p per share.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2148.65 (+6.94)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	29793.42 (+34.52)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2671.36 (–8.84)
Amsterdam: Gen	277.3 (–0.2)
Sydney: AO	1471.0 (–5.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1616.4 (+4.5)
Brussels:	
General	5404.9 (+31.5)
Paris: CAC	394.2 (+0.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen	513.8 (+0.9)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	n/a
FT.– "500"	n/a
FT. Gold Mines	176.8 (+0.7)
FT. Fixed Interest	96.67 (+0.17)
FT. Govt Secs	86.77 (–0.20)

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RISES:

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G Oliver	525p (+10p)

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Lonrho	334p (–16p)
ECC	434p (–14p)
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Glynwed	238p (–13p)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month Interbank 13²⁹/₃₂–13¼%
3-month eligible bills:12²³/₃₂–12⅝%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 8⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.96-7.95%*
30-year bonds 100⅛–100³/₃₂*

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£: FFr10.9531	$: FFr5.9250*
£: Yen228.13	$: Yen122.29*
£: Index:78.2	$: Index:92.6
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'Star' consults lawyers after unanimous vote for dismissal

Davies ousted in boardroom coup at Next

By David Brewerton

Mr George Davies is consulting his lawyers after being dismissed as chairman and chief executive of Next in a boardroom coup organized by the other executive directors.

Mr Davies and his wife Liz, product director, were removed on Thursday night after a unanimous vote by the rest of the board. The former chief's "autocratic style" is being given as the reason for the split. Compensation could run to £1.5 million.

Mr Davies, speaking from the London home he purchased from the company last year, said: "I am sorry. I have no comment to make".

He is replaced as chief executive by Mr David Jones, his former deputy, who came into the group when it acquired Grattan, the mail order group, in 1986. City businessman Mr Michael Stoddart is taking over as non-executive chairman, a position he relinquished only 18 months ago.

Mr Stoddart said that Mr Davies was not being made "the scapegoat for a decline in profits".

"There are fundamental disagreements about the way in which a major group should be run. It is the difference between people who were looking to run a structured business and somebody who, all power to his elbow, had the entrepreneurial spirit to develop the business as he did.

"George was the man who turned Hepworths into Next and became a star".

"There's no harm in being entrepreneurial, but only 25 per cent of profits now come from Next retail. When you get to this size, you need a different kind of structure.

"George was totally loyal to Next. He believed in Next utterly. But he ran it as if it was a private business and when you get to a certain size you cannot do that any more.

"There have been a series of internal disagreements. There were management frictions and when we had meetings to try to solve them certain fundamental differences appeared. We felt we could not find a compromise".

The split came only a week after Mr Davies announced that profits in the current year would be significantly lower than in the previous year. The shares dropped sharply as analysts reduced their forecasts for the second year running.

The new chief executive, Mr Jones, said that "the whole board takes responsibility for the fall in profits."

Mr Jones, who is regarded in the City as an aggressive a businessman as Mr Davies, added that Next could no longer be "run in an *ad hoc* way. George didn't believe in systems and Next needs a positive structure. But that doesn't mean we will be running the group like the Civil Service".

Mr Jones said he had no intention of following in Mr Davies' foosteps and becoming both chairman and chief executive. "We recognize that Next is known as George Davies' Next. I hope and pray it will never become known as David Jones' Next".

In the past few months, Next has been selling businesses and has strengthened its balance sheet.

The low level of the share price has prompted speculation that it would attract a takeover and the question of a management buyout of the public shareholders has been discussed by the board on various occasions.

Mr Ian MacDougall, stores analysts with Nomura, said a lot of questions remain unanswered."In a recession Mr Jones' way may be the best way to run a business, but they have lost George's flair and capacity to innovate. I wish David Jones the best of luck, but he does not have an easy job ahead of him".



JAMES GRAY

Out and about: George Davies and his wife Liz in the King's Road, Chelsea, yesterday

Smith is on top with just £2.5m

**By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent**

Smith New Court yesterday held on to its position as one of the City's most successful equity market-making and broking houses with pre-tax profits of £2.5 million for the six months to October 28.

This compares with losses reported by most other leading British securities houses over the same period as revenues in dull stock market trading have failed to keep up with costs. Although Smith reported profits of £10.5 million at the same time last year, Mr Michael Marks, the chief executive, said that taking current market conditions into account, this year's performance was satisfactory. The interim dividend has been cut by 1p to 1.5p.

Mr Marks said the downturn in profits had been felt uniformly across the company. The increasing competitiveness of the British market, where dealing spreads had been reduced in August, was having a large impact on profits. This trend had continued into the second half of the year, with a further decline in dealing volumes and margins.

The company's share of the equity trading market had, however, begun to rise again after a period of stagnation, partly because other players were beginning to scale down their dealing commitment. Smith's share of equity broking had also risen and was beginning to reach satisfactory levels, Mr Marks said. The company had expanded its coverage of the market by taking on extra analysts and dealers during the first half.

Costs remained almost unchanged with reductions in staff at the recently acquired Carl Marks securities operation in New York offset by additional costs in other areas such as the Far East. Mr Marks said there were no plans for a dramatic reduction in staff levels due to poor stock market conditions.

Deficit fears hit sterling

The pound fell sharply against the mark yesterday on worries about the trade deficit and expectations of a tightening of monetary policy in West Germany.

Sterling dropped by three pfennigs to below DM3.20, before edging back above DM3.20 again towards the close of business. It also fell against the dollar, dropping by two-thirds of a cent from its previous close of $1.8540. The sterling index fell by 0.5 of a point to 78.2.

Why the former dentist had his teeth pulled

The Next helicopter landed at the Grattan headquarters in Bradford. George Davies, followed by his wife Liz, stormed into the office and, in front of several of the Grattan staff, "exchanged words" with David Jones, Grattan's chief executive.

Davies then stalked back to the helicopter, so angry that he took off, leaving his wife behind.

That was a month ago. On Thursday night, Davies was voted out of his job as chairman and chief executive by the entire board. Jones is now running the company.

The boardroom coup that shook the City yesterday has been brewing for at least a year, and possibly since the moment, two and a half years ago, when Davies and Jones agreed to merge Grattan into Next.

Within weeks, a clash of styles was evident. George and Liz ran Next by the seat of their designer pants; Jones ran Grattan by systems.

All the while Next was booming, the board could not argue for a change of style, no matter how much Davies' autocratic manner offended the committee men on the non-executive seats. But as 1988 unfolded and profit expectations sank, the opportunity came to lean on the former dentist, and sack the man who changed the face of the high street. And his wife.

A couple of years ago, in the middle of a financial presentation on Next's results, in a smart London hotel, Davies suddenly lifted up his foot and put in on the coffee table. "Look," he said. "these black brogues are all leather, bench-made, and cost only £39.95." That weekend, I went out and bought a pair of George Davies' shoes from Next. Above all, he is a salesman. But eventually he was unable to sell his management style to the board. To the City, Davies *was* Next, a source of constant irritation to Sir Terence Conran, who lays claim to the idea. In the press, it was always "George Davies' Next group . . . "

But it wasn't. The other directors argued that Next needs a management structure to delegate power from the chairman and chief executive, but Davies would not compromise.

Now Next has to rebuild a credibility without a name at the top. It will not be easy. Liverpudlian Davies, aged 46, turned the staid and ailing Hepworth tailoring chain into the Next phenomenon. The son of a sausage and pie factory production manager, he joined the Littlewoods stores group and went on to selling school uniforms by catalogue and then to Pippa Dee, which sold lingerie in the Tupperware way – at parties held in homes.

Davies joined Hepworth in 1981 within days of leaving Pippa Dee on a point of boardroom principle. He developed the Next concept of a tightly-controlled selection of well-made women's clothes, sold from a distinctive chain of prime shop sites. From that original idea came Next for Men, home furnishings, jewellery and even financial services, all selling a "lifestyle" concept in tune with the affluent young middle-aged. As turnover soared and earnings per share and profits went up in leaps and bounds, Davies became the guru of retailing, taking the unofficial title from Sir Terence Conran and Sir Ralph Halpern. He was named Young Businessman of the Year in 1985.

His personal lifestyle seemed to fit the company. Last year, he and Liz, the second Mrs Davies, acquired a smart London house in Oakley Street, Chelsea – which Next had purchased in 1985 in order to set out and photograph room sets for the home furnishing side – from the company for £360,000. Shareholders nodded the deal through.

Recently Davies recalled his childhood. "Your son needs controlling," a neighbour had advised his mother. He admitted: "I was a little bugger, had a nice smiling face and could get away with murder."

Walker deal brews debts of £900m

By Martin Waller

Mr George Walker's Brent Walker leisure group is to pay £239 million to Barclay Brothers for the brewers JW Cameron of Hartlepool and Tolly Cobbold of Ipswich.

With the £180 million purchase of Lonrho's wine and spirit division, the move leaves the group with debts of almost £900 million. A pro forma balance sheet issued with the deal shows gearing close to 150 per cent.

This is based on net assets of £625 million, or £7 a share, a figure which relies on the board's estimates of the value of its properties. Brand assets account for £75 million.

The shares rose 4p to 314p on the news, although it was widely felt Mr Walker would have to make substantial disposals to reduce borrowings. Mr Nigel Reed at Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, said the purchase would just about cover its financing in the first year and would then begin to move ahead in 1990 and 1991.

The deal brings to the group 855 public houses to add to the 350 it already owns and includesa 9 per cent stake in Ipswich Town Football Club.

Meanwhile he had been offered "a great deal of money but not enough" for the casino business, widely believed to be up for sale. Borrowings were therefore likely to be cut by £100 million immediately, and gearing should reduce to 100 per cent by the end of 1989.

Young resists call over Fraser report

By Colin Narbrough

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has given warning that he could use special powers to prevent Mr Tiny Rowland from forcing him in the courts to disclose the contents of an official report into the Fayeds' 1985 takeover of House of Fraser.

Lord Young is determined not to publish the report while it is being studied by the Serious Fraud Office. Mr John Mummery, the Government's counsel, said in the High Court on Thursday that Lord Young might claim "public interest immunity" if Mr Rowland's Lonrho won court backing for disclosure.

Last week, the High Court gave Lonrho the go-ahead to seek a judicial review of Lord Young's decision to delay publication of the report.

On Thursday, Lord Justice Watkins rejected a request that the report should be produced as evidence at next month's proceedings.

Lonrho argues that the report should at least be available to assure a fair hearing of its case.

Mr Mummery said Lord Young would not supply the report as evidence and would resist disclosing it.

Any attempt to order the disclosure of advice given by Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, to Lord Young might also be blocked on the grounds of public interest immunity.

No solution found to differences over agriculture

Bitter harvest from deadlocked talks

From Bailey Morris, Montreal

The four-day talks by trade ministers ended in deadlock and bitterness yesterday, while officials attempted to pick up the pieces by convening another meeting for April in Geneva. They said the decision to provide a "cooling off period" was necessary to salvage the battered Uruguay trade round and prevent the outbreak of a trade war between the US and Europe over agriculture.

Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US trade representative, who was one of the main protagonists, said ministers, by agreeing to continue the talks, had intensified the political pressure on Europe and the US to resolve their differences.

The decision to prolong the talks rather than break off altogether was an eleventh hour attempt to salvage progress made in such areas as trade in services, tariff reductions, tropical products and procedures to speed up the dispute settlement process for international trade.

Mr John MacGregor, the British Agriculture Minister, said there was still a spark of hope that the Uruguay round, under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), could be saved in the next four months.

Agriculture was the main reason ministers from 96 Gatt nations were unable to produce a political commitment to proceed with trade liberalization measures in 15 key areas.

Mr Frans Andriessen, the EEC Agriculture Minister, said it quickly became clear the US and Europe had fundamental differences which would not be resolved as long as the US insisted on a revolutionary proposal to eliminate all farm subsidies over a specific, long-term period. He accused the US of going beyond the agreement which launched the round two years ago. "We are not prepared to put the very existence of our Common Agricultural Policy in danger. We are prepared to reform it. We are not prepared to destroy it."

But US officials said that the EEC was divided within itself over agriculture policy and did not come to Montreal with a clear negotiating position. One official said Mr MacGregor had worked hard behind the scenes to push both sides towards some agreement on a long-term commitment that would produce early short-term reforms.

There was talk yesterday of an early meeting of Europe's Council of Ministers to try to push the process forward so that a settlement on agriculture could be reached in April. It was significant, officials said, that the main negotiators, including Mr Yeutter and Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC Minister for External Affairs, would be replaced by new faces.

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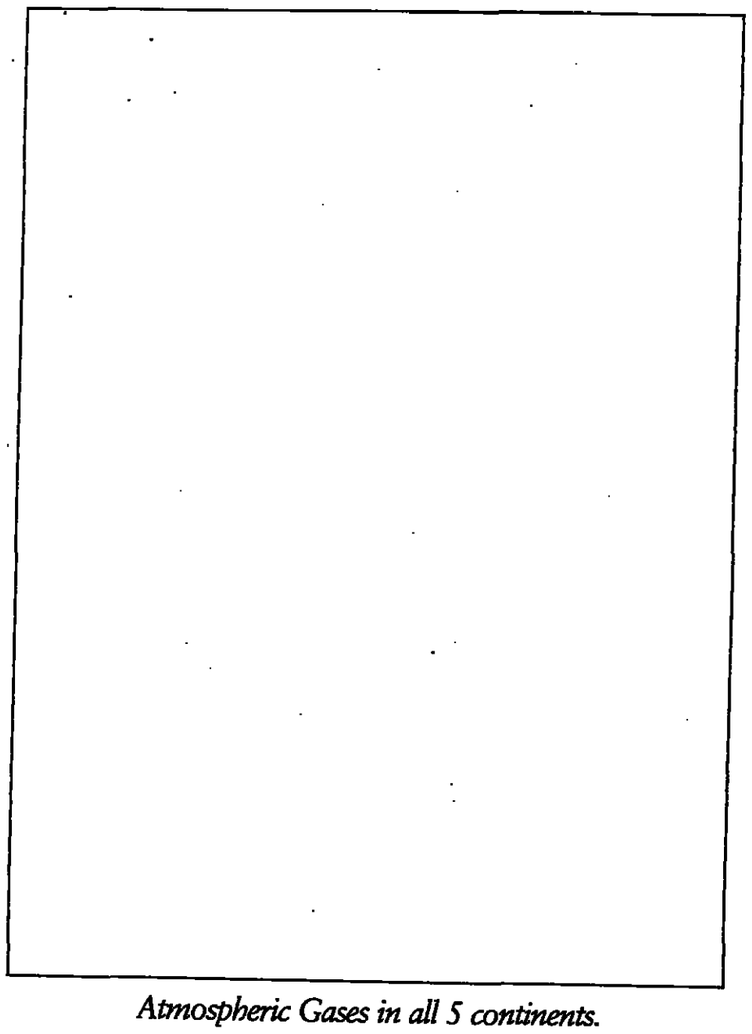
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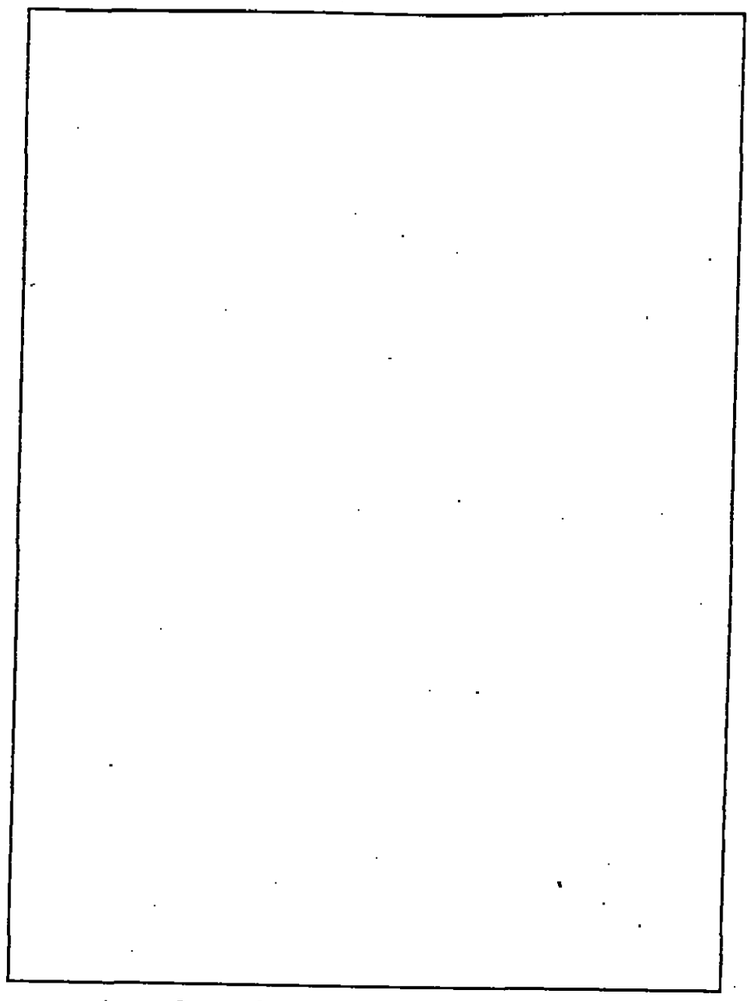
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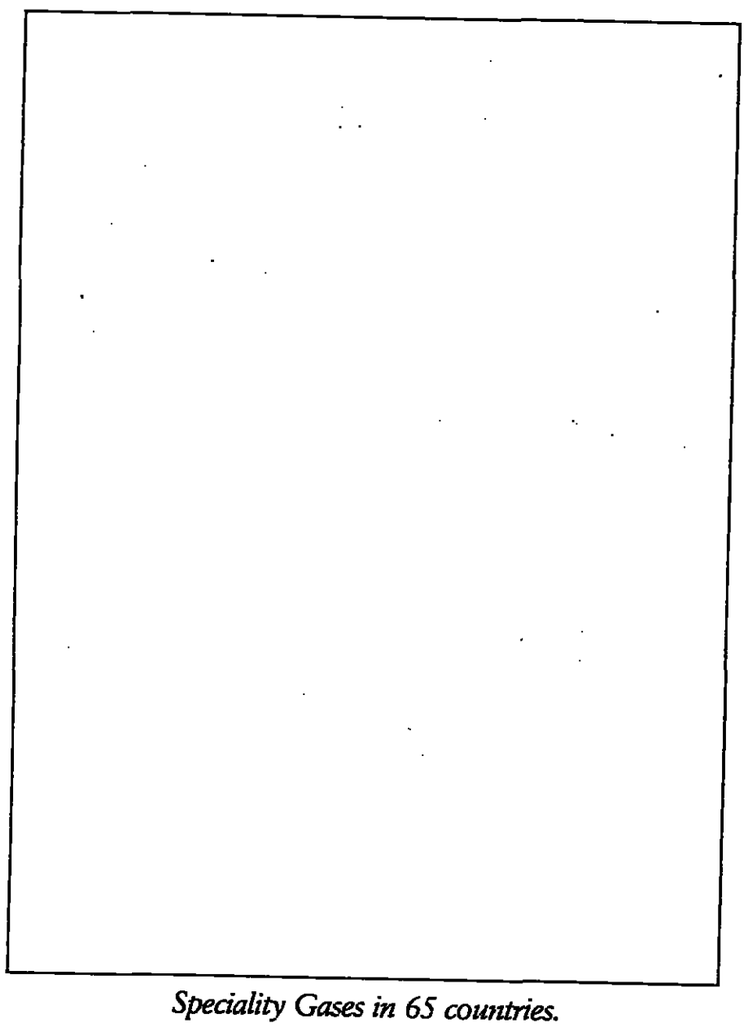
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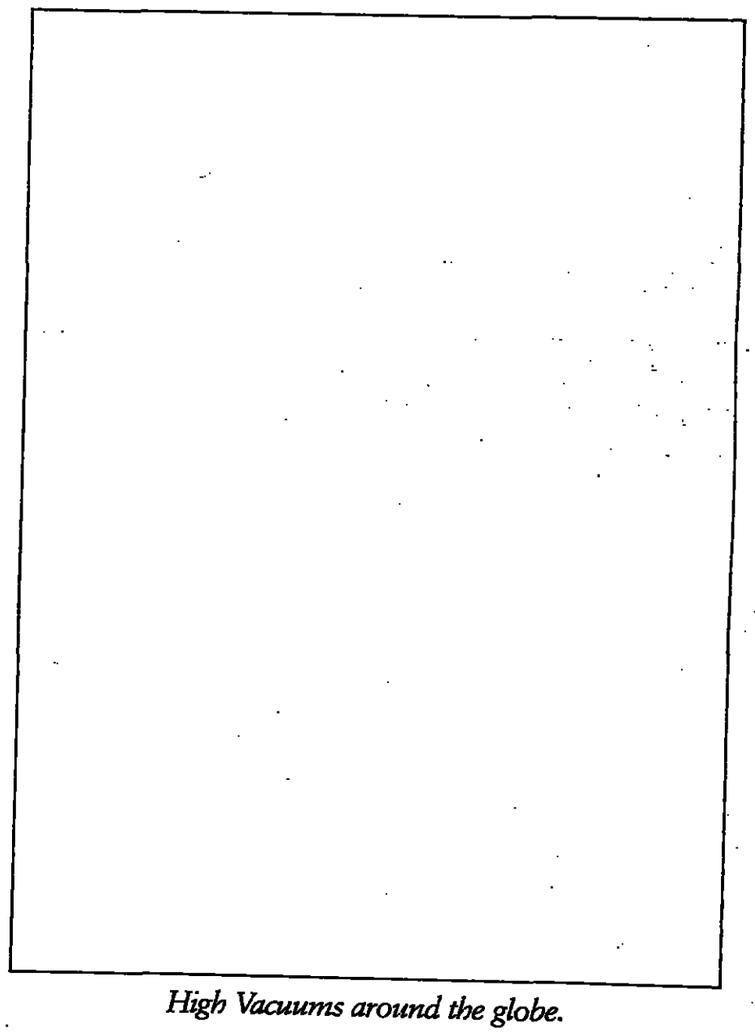
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Crystalate halts slide in profits at £5.7m

Lord Jenkin of Roding has stopped the slide at Crystalate Holdings, the electronics group. He took over as chairman this year after a sharp fall in half-time profits and the departure of Mr Nigel McLean, the former chairman.

After being £2.3 million adrift of previous figures at the halfway stage, Crystalate unveiled full-year profits of £5.7 million, a shortfall of just £1.4 million on last year.

"I can now report a substantial recovery in profits," Lord Jenkin said. "I expect the 1988-89 full-year results to continue the improvement

Despite the earlier troubles, shareholders receive an increased payout. The board has recommended a final dividend of 3.9p per share, compared with 3.75p last time, making the total 6p (5.85p). Crystalate shares rose 2p to 142p.

ABE surges to £352,000

Associated British Engineering, a long-time penny stock, saw an abrupt resurgence in the half-year to end-September, with pre-tax profits at £352,000 against just £23,000 last time. A dividend payment will be considered at the year-end. The company returned to the dividend list with a 0.03p payout last year after a five-year break. The company said in the absence of a sharp economic downturn in the UK the recovery in its fortunes would continue.

Elga declines by £55,000

Elga Group, the water purification equipment group floated on the main market last year, saw profits fall from £201,000 to £146,000, while turnover dipped from £5.9 million to £5.46 million for the six months to September 30 1988. The interim dividend has fallen from 0.7p to 0.4p. However, results for the first six months of 1988-89 are in line with expectations and the group entered the second half with strong order books.

Half-time fall for Boscombe

Boscombe Property, the developer, reported a fall in pre-tax profits from £68,963 to £28,770 on gross rental income up from £258,700 to £278,560 in the six months to end-September. As a result of an asset sale, earnings per share increased from 41.66p to 55.97p. The interim dividend is up from 15p to 25p.

GUS results

The breakdown of divisional income at Great Universal Stores, whose first-half results were published yesterday, should have read: home shopping 56 per cent down from 60 per cent; consumer and corporate finance 24 per cent against 22 per cent, property 12 per cent compared with 11 per cent and Burberrys 7.2 per cent against 6.7 per cent for the same period last year.

Interest rate warning after Greenall profit tops £47m

By Wolfgang Münchau

Greenall Whitley, the Warrington brewing and hotels group, reported a 20.1 per cent increase in pre-tax profits from £39.19 million to £47.06 million in the year to end-September.

Turnover increased 6 per cent to £455 million.

The increase was slightly above market expectations, but analysts pointed out the hotel division, which accounted for most of the increase, performed better than expected while the brewing business was disappointing.

Operating profits of the company's British hotels, which include the Grand Hotel in Brighton, were up 24.6 per cent to £13.72 million, while brewing profits grew 7.2 per cent to £37.4 million.

However, Mr Andrew Thomas, the managing director, issued a warning over the impact of the current level of interest rates.

Although the interest charge fell during the last year from £15.09 million to £14.21 million, he said they would rise next year by about £4 million, if rates remain at the current high level. Most of the company's borrowings are on a floating rate basis.

Gearing fell to 29 per cent as a result of a £131.55 million revaluation surplus of the companies' hotels. Shareholders funds have increase to just over £500 million.

Mr Thomas said the company, which is protected from a hostile takeover through a two-tier voting system, was not currently involved in any takeover discussions.

There had been talk last month, denied by the company, about plans to sell the Belfry golf course and hotel, in north Warwickshire.

Mr Thomas said he intends investing £8 million in the hotel during the current financial year instead. He added that he was looking forward to the Ryder Cup, which will be taking place at the Belfry in September.

The group is planning to build three or four large hotels and make some acquisitions in the sector during the next two years.

Analysts point out that the company's fortune was lying in hotels rather than brewing, but that it is unlikely to divest of the much larger brewing division. Mr Thomas said he estimated that hotels would in future account for about 35 per cent, rather than the current 25 per cent, of the group's profits.

Earnings per limited voting shares increased from 19.6p to 24.2p on a fully diluted basis, while earnings of the A shares rose from 3.9p to 4.8p.

The final dividend per LV share is 4.5p, making a total of 7.25p, an increase from 6.0p last year.

The final dividend per A share is 0.9p per share, making 1.45p, an increase from 1.25p last year.

Property boosts Greene, King

A new accounting system and the South-east property boom has led to a 45 per cent increase in pre-tax profits at Greene, King & Sons, the East Anglian brewer, in which the Australian Elders IXL group has a 13 per cent stake.

Pre-tax profits were up from £6.3 million to £9.1 million in the six months to October 30, despite only a small increase in turnover from £49.9 million to £53.2 million.

The results are the first in which property sales are accounted for above the line. In addition Greene, King has changed the method of allocating costs over the accounting period. Both factors are responsible for exaggerating the underlying rate of growth.

Mr John Bridge, the chairman, said: "Because of the changes and the fact that property disposals occur on an uneven basis, this result should not be taken as a guide to the performance for the year as a whole." The market, however, reacted positively at the results as the shares improved by 6p to 454p on the news. County NatWest Wood-Mac, the stockbroker, raised its full-year profit forecast from £17.7 million to £18.7 million.



Toast to success: Simon Redman, of Greene, King, drinks to a 45 per cent rise in profits

Greene, King, whose managing director is Mr Simon Redman, has carried out a cost-saving exercise in order to improve margins, now at 13 per cent. Earnings per share rose from 10.1p to 15.4p. The interim dividend was raised to 2.6p, up 16 per cent.

GEC and Siemens to fight injunction

By Colin Narbrough

Lord Weinstock's General Electric Company and Siemens, his West German ally, are urgently seeking to have the High Court injunction barring their £1.7 billion bid for Plessey thrown out.

Responding to the surprise legal move made by the target electronics manufacturer on Thursday, GEC and Siemens yesterday announced that they intend to secure "as soon as possible, a discharge of the injunction granted *ex parte* (single party) to Plessey."

This is to enable the companies to place their joint bid before Plessey's shareholders, a statement said. The GEC-Siemens offer document is due to be sent out by next Wednesday under Takeover Panel rules.

The injunction Plessey obtained in its unusual use of the courts is in effect only until Monday, when a full hearing of the company's case against the bid will be heard.

Plessey alleges that the bid is in breach of the competition provisions of the Treaty of Rome and that this makes it void and unlawful. By using the High Court to uphold European Community competition law, Plessey is hoping to win time until the European Commission makes a decision.

Regaining the initiative after what appeared initially to have been a knockout blow from GEC-Siemens, Plessey is arguing that the companies stalking it are restricting competition in its shares and collaborative pacts between the two electronics firms pose an anti-competitive threat.

Mr Peter Sutherland, the outgoing EEC Competition Commissioner, has forcefully used the competition provisions of the Treaty of Rome to police takeovers and mergers, in the absence of comprehensive Community merger control rules.

● Siemens refused to comment on Wall Street reports that it may buy the sales and service side of Rolm, an IBM telecommunications offshoot.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Profits leap by 33% at Bristol Evening Post

Bristol Evening Post, the newspaper and retail business which is 25 per cent owned by Associated Newspapers, increased its pre-tax profits by a third to £3.97 million in the six months to end-September on a 10 per cent rise in sales to £28.5 million. The interim dividend has been raised from 3p to 3.5p on the strength of a 32 per cent rise in earnings a share to 9.91p.

BEP says trading has been encouraging since the end of the half-year and the results for the full year to end-March should be satisfactory. BEP is spending £500,000 on repairing tiling defects at its Temple Way building in Bristol. This will be treated as an extraordinary cost but will be partly offset by a £334,000 surplus on property sales.



Results up despite crash

Burns-Anderson, the financial services group where Sir John Harvey-Jones, left, the former ICI chief, is chairman, has come through the aftermath of the market crash and the Barlow Clowes affair with flying colours. Pre-tax profits rose from £2.5 million to £3.2 million in the year to end-September. Turnover was £13 million (£7.6 million). The total dividend is 4.1p (3.5p).

Whessoe back in black

Whessoe, the Darlington, Durham, engineering group, continues to recover from the redundancy and restructuring costs which helped to push it into loss last year. It made a pre-tax profit of £3.55 million in the year to September 24 compared with a £4.8 million loss last time.

As a gesture of confidence in the future, the board has recommended a final dividend of 3p per share, against 1p last time, making a total of 4p (1p). The group expects the restructuring of the heavy engineering division to remove the causes of the recent losses.

Sales shortfall hits Toothill

RW Toothill, the furniture maker, is redesigning its upholstery range because sales have fallen short of budget. Pre-tax profits halved from £84,000 to £39,000 on sales up 5 per cent at £2.2 million in the six months to end-September. The changes will affect short-term profitability in the second half. The interim dividend is maintained at 3.6p.

Airsprung up at half time

Airsprung, which makes beds for MFI, House of Fraser and Argos, raised pre-tax profits from £1.05 million to £1.25 million in the six months to end-September. There is an interim dividend of 2.32p (2.13p, adjusted). Provided there is not a serious downturn in the economy, the group hopes for satisfactory yearly results.

Avdel forecasts £11m

Avdel, the industrial fasteners group locked in an increasingly bitter battle against the £102 million cash bid from Banner Industries of the US, has forecast a near 30 per cent jump in pre-tax profits for 1988 – to £11.75 million.

Mr John Marley, the chairman, is also promising shareholders a total dividend of 2.2p – up from 1.5p – in his latest and final defence document. The 80p a share on offer represented an unacceptable exit multiple of 13.5, he says. Banner now holds, or has acceptances for, more than 33 per cent of Avdel and the closing date is December 19.

Resignation leaves Japan role in doubt

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The resignation of Mr Kiichi Miyazawa as Japanese finance minister, announced yesterday, has created new uncertainty in world financial markets, analysts said.

His departure – over his involvement in the Recruit Cosmos share scandal – could have important implications for Japan's role within the Group of Seven. There are already doubts about whether the G7 nations will hold a special meeting soon after Mr George Bush's inauguration as US President in January.

In the longer term, Mr Miyazawa's replacement, who will probably be Mr Tatsuo Murayama, a tax expert and former finance minister, could forge a different approach to Japan's role in the process of international economic co-operation.

Mr Mark Cliffe, economist at Nomura Research International, said: "One of the concerns is whether this is going to lead to a change in exchange rate policy. There is an increasing feeling in Japan that a yen appreciation is necessary."

However, he added, any change is unlikely to be dramatic. Meanwhile, Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Prime Minister, is to double up as finance minister, a post he held before Mr Miyazawa.

Mr Miyazawa, finance minister since July 1986, introduced expansionary fiscal packages and was committed to currency stability.

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£92m US purchase by BOC

BOC, the industrial gases and leisure group led by Mr Richard Giordano, yesterday announced a £92 million acquisition in the United States designed to help sustain the momentum which has taken the group's pre-tax profits past £300 million.

Agreement has been reached in principle to buy the industrial gases and carbon divisions of UGI Corporation, a US public utility company in Pennsylvania, which has diversified interests in industrial gases. A payment of about £60 million will be payable at closing, with the balance within one year.

The deal fits into BOC's declared strategy of increasing its market share in markets where it is already successful.

BA gives pledge on Air New Zealand

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways yesterday stepped up its campaign to take a major stake in Air New Zealand with a pledge that it would leave the day-to-day running of the airline in local hands.

The airline is bidding in partnership with EIE, a Japanese tourism group, and the Investment Bank DFC of New Zealand for control of the airline which is being privatized. The BA group is competing with a consortium led by the Australian airline Qantas.

British Airways is the biggest carrier of international traffic with a global network which excludes only the Pacific area, in which Air New Zealand is strong.

Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, said: "Because the operations of the two airlines are complementary rather than competitive a British Airways stake in Air New Zealand would give each a strong incentive to support the services of the other."

"British Airways has no desire to interfere in the management of Air New Zealand. Our own experience has taught us that national airlines thrive in the hands of strong, independent managements free to take their own day to day decisions without political interference.

"We would expect to have our nominees on the Air New Zealand board but management would remain firmly in the hands of Air New Zealand."

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	460	15	32	41	19	29	37
	500	4½	15	27	52	56	60
Brit Air ('153)	140	15	21	27	2	5	8
	160	4½	9	13	10	13	16
	180	½	4	9	29	28	32
Brit Com ('212)	220	6½	15	19	10	15	17
	240	3	11	17	29	33	33
	260	1½	3	6	49	49	50
Brit Steel ('58)	50	10½	12½	14	¾	1½	3¼
	60	2¾	5	7¾	3	4½	7½
	70	¾	2	3½	11	11	14¼
BP ('248)	220	31	34	37	1	4	5
	240	14	17½	23	3½	10	13
	260	4	7½	12½	13	24	24
Bass ('772)	750	27	50	75	17	25	27
	800	6	25	45	57	55	57
	850	1½	10	27	107	105	107
C & W ('360)	360	13	28	42	13	22	27
	390	4	13	26	37	40	45
	420	1	7	14	65	65	70
Cons Gold ('1232)	1150	125	185	200	25	55	75
	1200	80	140	170	50	80	100
	1250	57	110	–	70	105	–
Courtauld ('248)	220	37	44	48	2	3½	7
	240	20	28	33	5	8	13
	260	8½	16	22	14	17	23
Cons Union ('323)	300	28	36	40	4	10	12
	330	7	15	23	16	24	28
	360	2½	6	12	40	48	50
GKN ('296)	300	10	17	23	13	22	23
	330	1½	6	13	40	45	48
	360	½	2	6	70	75	77
Grand Met ('443)	420	34	40	56	5	12	16
	454	11	20	–	19	27	–
	493	3	9	–	52	57	–
ICI ('977)	950	47	82	92	18	36	41
	1000	20	33	66	40	65	67
	1050	7	17	43	87	107	108
	1100	2½	8	28	137	152	152
Jaguar ('262)	240	26	37	46	4	10	13
	260	14	21	34	9	19	22
	280	5	12	24	21	32	34
Land Sec ('540)	550	16	33	45	23	27	33
	600	2½	16	25	85	65	68
	650	1	4	11	115	115	118
M & S ('141)	140	7	12	16	3	7½	9½
	160	1¼	4½	8	21	20	22
	180	½	2	4	40	40	41
STC ('269)	260	11	22	31	9	13	15
	280	6	12	20	20	23	25
	300	2½	5½	13	38	38	41
Sainsbury ('190)	180	16	23	27	2½	5	9
	200	5	11	17	11	15	17
	220	1½	5	9	30	31	32
Shell ('994)	950	65	85	105	9	27	30
	1000	30	52	75	27	48	50
	1050	12	28	50	60	80	82
Storehse ('182)	180	16	28	30	14	18	21
	200	9	16	21	29	30	34
	220	6	11	17	45	42	47
Trafalgar ('293)	280	12	20	–	9	13	–
	300	4	11	17	24	24	30
	320	1½	4	7	54	54	56
Utd Biscs ('269)	280	10½	20	25	18	19	25
	300	4	12	18	32	32	36
	320	2	6½	11	52	52	54
Ultramar ('286)	225	60	65	–	4	9	–
	255	40	52	–	8	18	–
	275	28	40	–	16	25	–
Woolworth ('229)	240	8	14	20	15	19	20
	260	4	8	12	37	35	38
	280	1	5	8	55	55	55

	Series	Jan	Apr	Aug	Jan	Apr	Aug
GEC ('178)	140	39	41	–	1	1½	–
	160	20	23	32	2	4	7
	180	6½	12½	17	7½	10½	14
R-Royce ('125)	120	9	15	17	4½	6½	7½
	130	3½	9	10	9	11	14½
	140	1	4½	6	17	17½	20
TSB ('107)	100	9	11	–	1	3	–
	110	2½	5	7½	8½	7½	8½
	120	½	2½	4	15	16	16

	Series	Feb	Apr	Jul	Feb	Apr	Jul
Ladbroke ('421)	390	43	–	–	3½	–	–
	420	23	31	41	12½	14½	22
	460	7	13	21	42	43	44

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero ('439)	420	32	40	53	15	27	30
	460	14	20	33	39	50	55
	500	5	11	20	73	82	90
BAA ('282)	240	32	41	–	2	6	–
	260	15	25	31	7	9	12
	280	5	14	19	19	21	23
BAT Ind ('431)	420	29	38	48	8	17	20
	460	9½	16½	26	33	40	43
	500	2½	6½	–	73	74	–
Brit Tele ('263)	220	35	43	–	1½	3	–
	240	15	27	33	4½	7	10
	260	7	14	19	15	17	21
Cadbury ('325)	330	21	28	38	20	28	31
	360	10	18	25	40	49	50
	390	5½	11	18	69	72	73
Guinness ('328)	300	33	46	52	3	6	7
	330	17	24	30	17	18	17
	360	4	9	17	34	34	36
LASMO ('442)	420	53	68	82	15	27	33
	460	30	47	57	35	45	52
	500	18	30	43	60	70	75

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
P & O ('530)	500	45	57	67	6	14	18
	550	18	25	34	25	40	42
	600	5	9	16	75	80	83
Pilkington ('191)	200	7	11	14	18	18	21
	220	4	7	8	37	38	40
	240	1½	4	5	57	59	60
Plessey ('209)	200	17	25	31	1	3	4
	220	9	17	19	21	23	27
	240	4	9	12	38	38	39
Prudential ('148)	140	12	15	16	5	8	8
	160	4	5	7	17	20	20
	180	1	3	–	37	37	–
RP ('248)	220	26	37	44	5	7	13
	240	15	25	32	14	17	20
	260	7	16	22	27	30	31
RTZ ('411)	380	42	53	–	2	12	18
	420	20	35	45	25	32	37
	460	8	20	28	55	55	58
Vaal Reefs ('570)	60	16	17	18	1½	4½	6
	70	7¼	10	12	5	10	11
	80	3¼	5	6¼	15	16	17

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad ('145)	140	10	18	25	5½	10	14
	160	2	9	15	18	21	23
	180	1	5	10	37	39	41
Barclays ('402)	360	45	–	–	1	–	–
	385	13	–	–	4	–	–
	425	1	–	–	33	–	–
Blue Circ ('419)	420	6	26	30	10	20	26
	460	1½	11	14	48	48	52
	500	1	4	7	88	88	92
Dixons ('135)	140	3½	10	15	7½	12	15
	160	1	5	8	26	28	29
	180	1	1½	–	46	46	–
Glaxo ('1049)	1050	22	75	–	19	42	–
	1100	5	51	82	55	72	80
	1150	1½	32	60	105	107	112
Hawker ('512)	500	15	38	50	4	14	20
	550	1½	15	23	43	45	55
	600	1	6	9	93	93	95
Hillsdown ('235)	240	3	12	18	12	14	16
	260	1	4	10	30	30	31
	280	½	2	6	50	51	54
Lonhro ('335)	330	15	38	53	3	20	35
	360	4	24	40	28	48	58
	390	1½	16	28	55	68	76
Midland ('407)	380	22	32	38	2	11	13
	420	3	13	20	15	32	32
	460	1	4	8	55	62	62
Sears ('108)	110	3½	10	14	7	11	13½
	120	1¼	7	9¼	16	17	18
	130	1	4½	6½	25½	26½	28
THF ('254)	240	16	24	35	1	9	12½
	260	2½	14½	24	8	19	23
	280	¾	7½	16	27	35	38
Thorn EMI ('816)	800	19	45	62	4	18	23
	850	3	15	33	62	59	62
	900	1	7	16	90	92	100
Wellcome ('402)	420	4	23	37	20	27	30
	460	1½	10	18	60	60	60
	500	1	4	11	100	100	100

	Series	Dec	Apr	Jul	Dec	Apr	Jul
Boots ('213)	200	14	27	35	1½	7	10
	220	3	16	23	11	15	18
	240	1	8	15	30	31	32

	Series	Jan	Mar	Jun	Jan	Mar	Jun
Brit Gas ('157)	140	18	20	24	¼	2	3
	160	2½	6	11	7½	8¼	9½
	180	½	1¼	4	26½	26½	27

	Series	Jan		Jan			
RMM ('346)	330	27	–	–	7	–	–
	360	9	–	–	18	–	–
	390	5½	–	–	46	–	–

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jul	Dec	Mar	Jul
Beecham ('457)	420	37	55	69	2	7	13
	460	7	29	43	11	20	27
	500	2	12	25	47	48	52
Unilever ('443)	420	26	46	57	2	7½	13
	460	4	19	33	18	26	30
	500	1	9	17	58	60	60

	Series	Dec	Mar	May	Dec	Mar	May
BTR ('287)	260	28	40	–	1	2	–
	280	10	24	27	2	7½	10
	300	1½	12½	15	15	18	19
Hanson ('156)	130	20	30	–	½	1	–
	140	10½	16½	19	½	2¼	3¼
Tesco ('129)	150	¾	4¾	7¾	11	11½	13½
	160	3	9	11	5½	8	11
	170	1¾	5½	8	13	14¾	16
	180	1	2	2¾	33	34	36

	Series	Dec	Mar		Jan	Mar	
Enterprise ('486)	460	55	70	–	12	20	–
	500	30	45	–	32	42	–
	550	15	28	–	67	77	–
Scot & New ('387)	390	13	27	–	10	20	–
	420	5	16	–	40	43	–
	460	1	7	–	77	78	–

FT-SE INDEX ('1748)

Series	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1700	84	77	86	103	7	20	25	35
1750	56	43	57	70	21	33	45	51
1800	6	20	32	45	60	65	75	79
1850	2	10	16	25	109	110	115	115
1900	½	5	7	15	160	160	163	163
1950	½	2	3	–	210	210	213	–

December 9, 1988 Total: 42587 Calls 28327 Puts 22270 FT-SE: Calls 3070 Puts 7210

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 5	December 16	March 9	March 20

Call options were taken out on: 8/12/88 Pilkington, Kentish Property, Cowan de Groot, Bernard Matthews, Premier, Mountleigh, Bristol Channel, Rosehaugh, Imry, Eagle Trust, Coats Viyella, Sears, Next, Wace, BTR Wts, Lucas, Control Securities, Bestwood, Lonrho, Unilock.

Puts Asda Property.

Puts & Calls: Amstrad, Storehouse.

Indecision continues to plague the Action Bank

Morgan Grenfell can no longer be accused of indecision, *but that* is plainly not true of National Westminster. NatWest went into Big Bang under the banner of a global bank that must have a global securities business to service global clients. It thought big but acted small, with disastrous results. The bank has since bought Wood Mackenzie to bring serious weight to hapless County Natwest Securities, but all is far from well.

This is discouraging in a bank of NatWest's size and significance – it has the potential, like Barclays, to be a lasting player in the securities industry. But until the bank sorts itself out at board level its strategy will remain a mystery.

Since 1983 and the sudden elevation of Robin Leigh-Pemberton to the Bank of England, NatWest has had a caretaker chairman in the dogged form of Lord Boardman, who turns 70 next month. It was understood at the time that he would give way gracefully as soon as a more *permanent chairman*, from outside the bank, could be found.

Tom Boardman found the job much to his taste and not until this year was a successor identified: Sir Peter Walters, aged 57, chairman of BP, who agreed to become a deputy chairman of the bank on the understanding that he would take over from Tom Boardman. Traditionally, NatWest has picked one of its two non-executive deputy chairmen to become the next chairman on the ground that they are both gentlemen while the deputy, the previous group chief executive, is regarded as a player.

This fustian attitude may mean that Sir Philip Wilkinson, an estimable banker, is ruled out. We shall see. Sir Peter Walters certainly is, and will leave the board in due course. His crime was to set out the conditions under which he was prepared to take the chairmanship. He did not want to be a full-time executive chairman, though arguably NatWest should fall in line with Lloyds, Midland and Barclays where chairmen Sir Jeremy Morse, Sir Kit McMahon and John Quinton are professional bankers to their fingertips. Nor did Walters want a Boardmanesque role. He wanted a smaller, sharper board, with six executive and eight non-executive members.

Perhaps it was naive of him to imagine that half the existing board, which is heavily weighted with non-executive luminaries of varying wattage, would be prepared to step down to one of three divisional boards – UK banking, overseas retail banking, and corporate finance/securities. He did not receive the chairman's support, perhaps because the Walters reforms might have been seen as a criticism of Lord Boardman's period.

Apart from this extraordinary display of antiquated self-interest and paralyzing indecision, NatWest still has the problem of finding someone else to fill the chair. Anyone of quality from outside would, like Sir Peter, insist on leading the bank on his own terms.

The other deputy-chairman is Sir Edwin Nixon, former chairman and chief executive of IBM UK. But Sir Edwin is 63 and does NatWest need another caretaker?



KENNETH FLEET

NatWest is learning the hard way that in the securities industry it is only specialized excellence that brings in the big customers and the profits. It cannot keep dithering over where to put the main international banking emphasis, the US or Continental Europe. Big decisions, as always, need big men.

Death in the City

The City is having to undergo the major surgery it prescribes almost daily for industries which analysts judge to have over-capacity, inadequate profits and uncertain prospects. The word "bloodbath" is often used about a falling market: now it is something into which those who make the market have fallen.

There are 31 firms currently making a market in ordinary shares and 23 dealers in gilt-edged stock. In UK equities about two-thirds of the business is done by three firms, Warburg Securities, Smith New Court and Barclays de Zoete Wedd. With the volume of business 45 per cent lower than before the crash of October last year and showing few signs of recovering, losses running into several hundred millions and the strong using their muscle to drive the weak from the ring, the number of equity market-makers is expected to drop by at least half and the number of gilt-edged dealers by a third. The usual guesstimate of job losses in the City is as high as 50,000. It is not a happy place.

These concerns have come into sharp focus this week because of the decision of Morgan Grenfell, a leading merchant bank fallen from grace, to close its London securities business and sack 450 people. It is standard practice to blame your predecessors for mistakes that fall about your own head but John Craven, executioner and chief executive, had a point when he said that Morgan's previous senior managers, now departed in the wake of the Guinness affair, implemented their decision to turn the bank into an integrated securities house "in a way which I would hardly say was ideal".

Mr Craven, who was brought into the beleaguered bank 18 months ago, revealed that securities business had cost the bank losses of £22.5 million in the first 11 months of this year. Since late August the market has been rough. A price war among market-makers has shredded dealing margins. Only the big and skilful can hope profitably to survive. Morgan Grenfell's market share was less than 2 per cent: it had to pull out.

But the plight of a dehydrated medium-size player leaving the field because the heat is too fierce is only part of the story. It is now painfully clear that to create an integrated securities house offering stock-broking, jobbing (market-making), asset management and corporate finance services was beyond the mental and financial resources of at most two or three British banks. The notion that it could be otherwise was born amid the excitements of Big Bang, fostered by the myth of the City's effortless superiority and fed from the splendid profits of the last 18 months of the great bull market.

The critical error is to misunderstand the nature of market-making and to underestimate its crucial role in an integrated securities business. Before Big Bang there were five major jobbing firms, the first three (Wedd Durlacher, Akroyd & Smithers and Smith Brothers) much bigger and better than Bisgood Bishop and Pinchin. Barclays had the foresight to buy Wedd, Warburg to buy Akroyd. Smith elected to remain independent. Morgan picked up Pinchin (and a predominately gilt broker, Pember & Boyle, on the wane) and National Westminster Bisgood. Neither measured up to their new owners' ambitions, whose primary fault was having no clear idea of what they were doing.

Hanson team still full of surprises

Hanson has produced handsome figures and Lord Hanson and Sir Gordon White are the flavour of the month. It is not often that shareholders are treated to a 54½ per cent increase in dividends, even in a silver jubilee year; or are invited to peruse a balance sheet with £1.1 billion net in cash when base rates are 13 per cent; or are left to speculate what the in-form team will do with their cash and new borrowing powers of up to £11 billion.

Hanson still intends to grow by acquisition, asset sales and applied management, but is unlikely, Lord Hanson told me, "to enter the New Year with an acquisition on the stocks." GEC? "I have talked to Arnold as a good bidder to a good manager, but he has difficulty in making decisions." A joint bid? "I'm a single player, not a consortium bidder."

Neither he nor Sir Gordon see any real bargains; they are not enthusiastic about leveraged buyouts. "Gordon has his American A and American B lists. Top of the A list is Ford Motor and bottom of his B list is Pillsbury!"

Hanson has achieved a rare status for a British company in the United States: it is known, admired and the biggest bankers in New York call on Gordon White. Acquisitions could easily take the form of off-balance sheet joint ventures with banks in for the long haul and not just the initial fees. Imminent US tax changes will assist the cause.

I asked about "the ultimate management buyout" – Hanson itself. Lord Hanson replied: "I cannot equate the morality of benefiting management as against shareholders. If we were convinced that the group had matured – arrived on a plateau where it was likely to remain – we might strip it for the benefit of all shareholders."

He is convinced that "there is still a job to be done for UK industry" through acquisitions and restructuring. Certainly, no-one does it better, except perhaps Sir Owen Green.

WALL STREET

(Reuter) — Shares moved slightly higher in moderate early trading and blue chips also edged ahead.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 1.78 points to 2,143.49. Gaining issues held a small lead over declining issues.

Mr Jerry Hinkle, trader at Sanford C. Bernstein Co, said the firm's analysts expect a string of US economic reports next week to show strong growth, which would create a "tough market for bonds and for stocks."

● Tokyo — The Nikkei index edged up 34.52 points, or 0.12 per cent, to 29,793.42 after a 291.92-point drop on Thursday.

	Dec 8	Dec 7
AMR Cp	53	53¾
ASA	38⅝	38⅝
Aetna Life	48	48⅞
Allied Signal	33⅝	33⅞
Allis Chlm	⅝	⅝
Alcoa	52½	52⅝
Amax Inc	22¼	22¼
AMR Hess	29⅝	29⅜
Am Brands	58½	57⅞
Am Cynmd	48⅝	47⅝
Am Ele Pwr	27⅝	27⅛
Amexa	27½	28
Am Family	13⅛	13½
Am Home	82⅝	84¼
Am Int Grp	67	67½
Am Telph	29⅝	29⅜
Amoco Cp	74⅝	75⅝
Anheuser B	31⅝	31⅜
Arch Dan	20⅝	21¼
Armco Steel	9⅜	9⅜
Asarco Inc	26⅝	26⅝
Ashland Oil	33⅝	33⅞
Atl Richfld	79⅝	80⅞
Avon Prod	18⅝	19
Bk Boston	23⅞	24⅜
Bank NY	35⅛	34⅝
Bankamer	18⅛	18
Bkrs Tst NY	38⅜	38⅜
Baxter	17⅝	17⅝
Beth Steel	21½	21¼
Boeing	62⅝	63⅜
Boise Casc	40⅛	40⅜
Borden	57	56
Bristl Meyr	44⅝	45⅛
BP	54⅛	54⅛
Brunswick	17⅛	17⅝
Burl Nth	75⅛	75⅛
CBS	168⅛	168⅝
Cms Engy	24⅝	24⅝
CPC Int	51⅛	51⅝
CSX Cp	31⅝	32
Camp Soup	31⅝	31¼
Can Pacific	16⅜	16⅜
Caterpillar	63⅜	63⅜
Centrl SW	31⅜	31¼
Champion	31⅜	31⅝
Chase Man	27⅝	27⅝
Chem Bank	33⅜	33⅜
Chevron	45⅛	45⅜
Chrysler	27	27⅛
Citicorp	26⅝	26⅜
Clark Eq	30⅝	31
Coca Cola	44	44⅛
Colgate	45½	45⅜
Columb Gas	35	35⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	26⅝	26½
Cmwlth Edl	32⅝	32⅝
Cons Edis	45⅛	45⅝
Consol Ng	39⅝	39⅝
Cont Data	17⅝	17⅛
Corning Gl	68⅝	68⅝
Crane	22⅝	22⅝
Curtiss W	53⅝	54⅝
Data Genl	17⅝	18⅛
Deere Co	46⅝	47⅝
Delta Airl	49⅝	49⅝
Detroit Edl	16½	16⅝
Digital Eq	94⅝	95⅝
Disney	65⅝	65⅝
Dow Chem	85⅝	85⅝
Dressr Ind	26⅝	27⅝
Dupont	83	83½
Duke Pwr	46⅝	46½
East Kodak	46	46⅛
Eaton Cp	55	54⅞
Emerson El	30⅝	31
Emery Air	4⅝	4⅝
Exxon	44⅛	44⅝
Farah Inc	8⅝	8⅝

	Dec 8	Dec 7
Fedders	11⅝	11⅝
Fst Chicago	29⅝	30
Fst Int Bncp	47⅝	47⅝
Fst Penn C	12⅝	12⅛
FT Wachva	38⅝	38⅝
Ford Motor	52	52⅝
GAF Cp	45⅝	46
GTE Cp	45⅝	45⅝
Gen Cp	17⅝	17½
Gn Dynam	50	50½
Gen Electric	46⅝	45⅝
Gen Inst	23⅝	23⅝
Gen Mills	51⅝	52⅛
Gen Motors	86	86½
Gen Pub Ut	37	37⅛
Genesco	4⅝	5
Georgia Pac	35½	35⅝
Gillette	32⅝	33⅛
Goodrich	50⅝	51
Goodyear	47⅝	48
Grace Co	25⅝	25⅛
Grt Atl Pac	46⅝	46⅝
Greyhnd	26⅝	26⅝
Gruman	20⅝	21⅛
Gulf Westn	40⅝	40⅝
Heinz	46⅝	46⅝
Hercules	43⅝	43⅝
Hewlett Pk	49⅝	51⅛
Hilton	53⅝	53⅝
Honeywell	58⅝	59⅝
IC Ind	n.a	n.a
ITT Cp	51⅝	52⅛
INCO	33	32⅝
Ing Rand Wl	33⅜	33⅜
Inland Steel	38	38⅜
IBM	119⅝	121
Int Paper	44⅝	44⅝
Irving Bk	77⅝	76⅝
Jhsn & Jhsn	86⅝	87⅝
K Mart	35⅝	35⅝
Kerr McGee	37⅝	37⅝
Kimbrly Clrk	58⅝	59⅛
Knght Ridr	46⅝	46⅝
Kraft	n.a	106
Kroger	9	9⅛
LTV Cp	2⅝	2¼
Litton	69⅝	70⅛
Lockheed	40⅝	41⅛
Lone Star	29⅝	29⅝
Man H'nver	29⅝	29⅝
Manville	7	7⅛
Mapco	54	54
Marriott	30⅝	31⅛
Mt Marrieta	40	40⅝
Masco Cp	24⅝	25⅝
Mcdonalds	47⅝	47⅝
McDonnell	76⅝	77⅛
Mead Cp	41⅝	42⅛
Merck	57⅝	57⅝
Minsta Mng	61⅝	62⅝
Mobil	45	45⅛
Monsanto	82⅝	82⅝
Montedison	15	15⅛
Morgan Jp	36⅝	36⅝
Motorola	40⅝	40⅝
NCR	54	55⅝
NL Indstrs	6	5⅝
Nat Md Ent	21	21¼
Nat Semi	9⅝	9⅝
Norfolk Sth	31⅝	30⅝
NW Bancrp	32⅝	32⅝
Occid Pet	25⅝	25⅝
Ogden Cp	30⅝	30⅝
Olin Cp	48⅝	49⅝
PPG Ind	38⅝	39⅛
Pac Enterp	37⅝	37⅝
Pac Gas El	18⅝	18⅝
Pan Am	2⅝	2⅝
Penney JC	53⅝	54

	Dec 8	Dec 7
Pennzoil	74	73⅝
Pepsico	39⅝	39⅝
Pfizer	57⅝	57
Phelps Dod	50⅝	49⅝
Philip Mor	98	97⅝
Philip Ptrl	20⅝	20⅝
Pillsbury	58⅝	58⅝
Polaroid	35	35⅛
Primerica	28⅝	28⅝
Proct Gble	83⅝	84⅛
Pub SE Gr	24⅛	24⅝
R Nabisco	89⅝	91
Raytheon	71	71⅝
Rynlds Metl	50⅝	49⅝
Rockwell Int	20⅝	21⅛
Royal Dutch	114⅝	114½
SFE Sopac	16⅝	17⅝
Sara Lee	45⅛	45⅛
Schlumb	33⅝	33⅝
Scott Paper	36⅝	37
Seagram	60⅝	60
Sears Roeb	40⅝	40⅝
Sec Pac	37⅝	38
Shell Trans	73⅝	73⅝
Smith Beck	61⅝	48
Sony Cp	55⅝	55⅝
SW Bell	42⅝	41⅝
Squibb	67⅝	68⅝
Sun Comp	32⅝	32⅝
TDK	75⅝	76
TRW Inc	42⅝	43
Teledyne	331⅝	333⅛
Tenneco	48⅝	49
Texaco	50⅝	51⅛
Tex Eastn	29⅝	30⅛
Texas Inst	37⅝	38⅛
Tex Util	28⅝	28⅝
Textron	23⅝	23⅝
Travelers	35⅝	35⅝
UAL Cp	106	105⅝
USG Cp	5⅝	5⅝
USX Cp	29	28⅝
Unilever Plc	32⅝	32⅝
Un Carbide	25⅝	25⅝
Un Pac Cp	62⅝	62⅝
Unisys Cp	28	29⅛
Unit Brand	15⅝	15⅝
Us West	59	58⅝
Utd Tech	39⅝	40⅝
Unocal	38⅝	38⅛
Warn Lamb	76⅝	76⅝
Wells Far	65⅝	65⅝
Westg El	52⅝	53⅝
Weyershr	25⅝	25⅝
Whirlpool	24⅝	24⅝
Woolworth	51⅝	51⅝
Xerox Cp	57	57⅝
Zenith	18	17⅝

CANADIAN PRICES

	Dec 8	Dec 7
Agnco Eag	12⅝	12
Alcan Alum	37⅝	37⅝
Can Pacific	19⅝	20
Cominco	23⅝	22⅝
Con Bathrst	14⅝	14⅝
Hawk S Can	21	21
Hud Bay M	21⅝	21¼
Imasco	28	27⅝
Imperial Oil	48⅝	48⅝
Inco	39⅝	39⅝
Royl Trstco	15⅝	16
Seagram	71⅝	72
Shell Can	39	39⅝
Steico	21⅝	21½
Thmsn N 'A'	27⅝	27⅝
Varity Cp	3.30	3.30
WCE	15⅝	15⅝
Weston	35⅝	35⅝

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Apollo Watch (58p)	26½ +1½
BMSS (118p)	118
Betacom (82p)	68
Bletchley Motor (200p)	190
Bostrom (135p)	145
Brit Steel P/P (60p)	59¼ −½
Bucknall Aust (110p)	110
Builder Gp (125p)	151 −2
Capital Leasing (44p)	
Channel Express (70p)	77 −1
Chieftain Group (92p)	100
Colonade (138p)	134
Com-Tek 16 1-(2p)	16½
Darby Group (115p)	141
Dawsongroup (154p)	149 −2
EW Fact (84p)	90 −1
Edinburgh Hibernian (55p)	63
Haemocell (85p)	137
Heritage (95p)	141 +1
JSB Elec (165p)	70
Kromagraphic (10p)	16 −½
Metro Radio	128 −2
Nat Telecom (120p)	135 −1
Portmirion Pots (180p)	183
Racal Telecom (170p)	158 −1
Riva (110p)	115
SMAC Group (93p)	93
SWP (20p)	30
Specialeyes (77p)	83 −1
Unit Group (140p)	145 −2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Amercoeur N/P	1½
Elect Mach N/P	8
Goal Pet N/P	1 +¼
Hickson N/P	8 −3
Pavilion N/P	10
Quadrant N/P	4 −1
Select N/P	6½
Woodingtons N/P	

STOCK MARKET

Fresh fears over City jobs keep buyers on sidelines

A traumatic account limped to a depressing close as share prices continued to drift lower on fears that another securities house would follow Morgan Grenfell and withdraw from market-making at the end of the day's business.

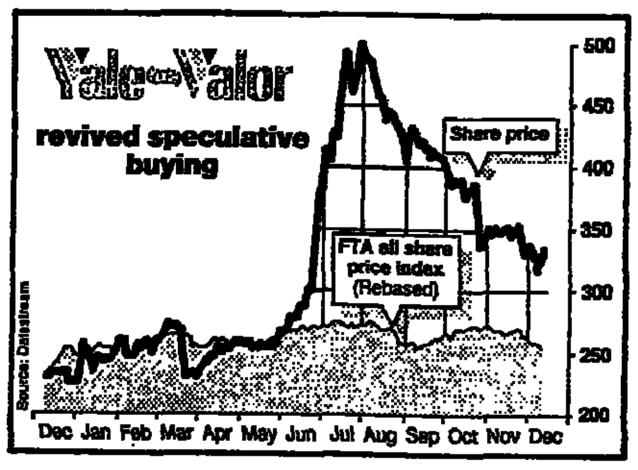
Nervousness about further job losses within the Square Mile intensified when Smith New Court, the broker, announced that pre-tax profits for the half-year to the end of October had slumped from £10.5 million to £2.5 million, then gave a warning that margins are still under severe pressure.

This led to increasing concern about the difficulties facing market-makers now that volumes are low and dealing spreads have tightened. Many experienced traders believe Morgan Grenfell's demise is only the start of a big rationalization of the industry.

Against this backdrop, investors were not prepared to commit funds for the three-week Christmas account, starting on Monday, particularly as the next set of British balance of payments figures will be announced on December 23. They remembered that it was the record October trade deficit of £2.43 billion which sent prices tumbling at the end of last month and prompted a 1 per cent increase in interest rates to 13 per cent.

After an initial modest improvement on technical considerations, the FT-SE 100-share index fell through the important 1,750 level to stand nearly 20 points lower at 1,738.3 by mid-afternoon. The narrower FT 30-share index was 15 points lower at 1,422.1.

The shares of Yale and Valor, the locks and domestic appliances group, which soared in the summer when brand names were in fashion and buyers became excited by two strategic shareholdings in the company, showed signs of a recovery.



They jumped to 335p at one stage before reacting on profit-taking to close a modest 1p lower at 323p. Dealers believe that the stock has been overlooked for too long, while there were also reports that at least two broking houses were advising clients to buy.

Last month, Yale and Valor reported a 78 per cent jump in interim pre-tax profits to £21.6 million and Mr Michael Montague, the chairman, said that the second-half outlook was "favourable," but the shares failed to respond.

Many speculators hope that the group's brand names — which include Valor itself, Ingersoll locks, Dreamland electric blankets, Heatrae Sadia water heaters and Breville small appliances — will attract a predator before 1992.

Williams Holdings, the acquisitive conglomerate headed by Mr Nigel Rudd, owns a near 4 per cent stake and Ingersoll-Rand of the US holds 3 per cent. Both have said they are genuine investors, but dealers believe that their stance will soon change.

James Wilkes, the fast-expanding promotional products and engineering group, is seeing a number of institutions over lunch next week. A clever deal on Thursday should have left it with some £700,000 of profits, bought for virtually nothing. Supporters believe the shares, unchanged at 181p yesterday, could be worth more than 200p soon.

Those speculators who bought shares of Next, the high street retailer, late on Thursday on management buyout hopes after hearing that Mr George Davies, the chairman, and other directors had been buying sizeable lines of Next shares at 135p, received a rude awakening when they switched on their Topic screens.

The announcement that Mr Davies had resigned from the company caught everyone by surprise and started frantic selling of the shares which dropped to 124p before closing 8½p down at 125p on a turnover of nearly 9 million shares.

Mr Davies' departure had analysts forecasting that the short-term weakness in the share price will be followed by a sharp rise as people come to the conclusion that Next is now even more vulnerable to a break-up bid.

Other stores, reflecting the gloomy outlook for the retail sector as painted by the latest Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey panel, drifted down on lack of support.

Boots lost 3p to 214p, **Burton** relinquished 4p to 174p, **Ratners** gave up 4p to 170p and **Sears** declined 4p to 106½p.

Storehouse, Sir Terence Conran's BHS, Habitat-Mothercare, Heal's and Richard group, dropped a further 7p to 180p on a turnover of 3 million shares.

During this account, Storehouse soared to 220p as stake-building and break-up bid stories swirled round. However, the shares have since drifted lower on profit-taking and fading takeover hopes

RTZ fell 13p to 410p following unconfirmed reports that BP is on the verge of selling its minerals interests to the company for $1.5 billion (£812 million). **BP** moved up 4p to 248p.

The story had an adverse effect on **English China Clays**, the Cornish minerals and building concern, which has been long thought to be on RTZ's shopping list, and the close was 10p lower at 438p.

Geoffrey Foster

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	4.00	4.04	3.25	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.75	8.03	6.42	2,500-25,000	1 mth	01-626 1567
"	9.13	9.33	7.46	2,500-25,000	6 mth	01-626 1567
Lloyds	8.75	8.75	7.00	2,500-50,000	1 mth	01-407 1000
"	9.44	9.44	7.55	2,500-50,000	6 mth	01-407 1000
Midland	8.73	8.73	6.99	10,000-no max	1 mth	01-260 2805
" " "	8.97	8.97	7.18	10,000-no max	6 mth	01-260 2805
NatWest	9.13	9.13	7.30	10,000-24,000	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	9.25	9.25	7.40	10,000-24,000	6 mth	01-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	8.90	9.28	7.42	2,500	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	7.70	7.92	6.34	1,000‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Chq & Save[2]	7.00	7.19	5.75	500‡	none	01 626 6543
Girobank	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000‡	none	061 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	7.00	7.20	5.76	1,000‡	none	01-407 1000
Midland HICA	8.50	8.77	7.02	2,000‡	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	5.50	5.61	4.49	500‡	none	01-726 1000
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	8.11	8.71	6.97	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB England & Wales	8.25	8.25	6.60	2,000	none	01-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.50	5.50	4.40	1 min	—	
Best buy — largest socs:						
B'ham Midshires	5.56	5.56	4.52	1 min	none	—
Britannia	7.80	7.80	6.24	250 min	—	—
Bristol & West	8.00	8.00	6.40	500 min	—	—
Britannia	8.60	8.60	6.88	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock	8.90	8.90	7.12	20,000 min	—	—
Best buy — all socs:						
City Metropolitan	8.50	8.50	6.80	500 min	none	—
Hendon	8.95	8.95	7.16	500 min	30 day	—
Homesdale Benefit	9.05	9.26	7.25	500 min	60 day	—
Stafford Railway	9.25	9.48	7.40	500 min	90 day	—
Frome Selwood	9.55	9.78	7.80	5000min	2 yrs	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Abbey Nat Current	5.00	5.00	4.00	1 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leicester	5.50	5.50	4.40	500 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	5.50	5.50	4.40	500 min		balances

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	Nominal rate	25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c[3]	5.00	3.75	3.00	1-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c[4]	10.00	7.50	6.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond[4,5]	10.75	8.00	6.45	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond[4,5]	10.75	8.00	6.45	100-100,000	3 mth	041-649-4555
34th Issue Cert[4]†	7.50	7.50	7.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.50	7.50	7.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
New Direction Finance	10.1	10.1	8.58	1,000 min	1 yr	Figures from
New Direction Finance	9.50	9.50	8.08	1,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
MLA	9.25	9.25	7.86	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere call
American Life	9.75	9.75	8.28	15,000 min	4 yrs	01 404 5766
Providence Capitol	9.55	9.55	8.11	10,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (October 87-88)	+6.4%	Spanish Pesetas:	219.15
Bank Base Rate	13%	French Francs:	11.44
Personal Loan	19.7%	Greek Drachmas:	321.00
Credit Card	18–26.8%	Italian Lire:	2495.00

[1]£9 quarterly service charge [2]2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 of less [3] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross [5]10.75% from 9 Oct ‡Higher rates for larger sums

LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Abbey National 0908 691122	12.25	60k+	95	
Bradford & Bingley 0274 568111	12.40	30k+	50	
Woolwich 01 854 2400	12.25	60k+	95	Endowment and pension loans only
BANKS				
Girobank 051 966 2114	12.40	50 - 200k	95	
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Abbey Life 0202 292373	12.45	70k+	95	Endowment and pension loans only

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Pao companies unveil interim records

From Stephen Leather Hong Kong

World International, Sir Yue-kong Pao's holding company, revealed record interim after-tax profits yesterday, up 31 per cent to HK$340 million (£23.5 million). They were further boosted by a HK$32.6 million extraordinary profit from the sale of a 10 per cent stake in Local Property.

Wharf Holdings, 40 per cent owned by World, also showed record after-tax profits for the six months to end-September — up 11.2 per cent to HK$530.5 million, on turnover virtually unchanged at HK$1.21 billion.

Mr Peter Woo, Sir YK's son-in-law, who is chairman of both companies, said all Wharf's core operating divisions — property, hotels, terminals. and transport — reported an aggregate increase in net profits of 25 per cent.

There was no contribution from Wheelock International and Hong Kong Realty and Trust, as the stakes in both companies have been sold to World.

Mr Woo also revealed that Wharf is buying a new Star Ferry vessel to add to its fleet.

In July, this year World paid US$135 million (£73 million) for a 50 per cent stake in Omni Hotels, a US group of 39 hotels in 21 states.

Mr Woo said a new company is being formed, combining Omni with Wharf's Marco Polo International.

Wharf is to pay an interim dividend of 11 cents a share, compared with a 10 cents interim last year, while World is raising its interim dividend from 3.8 cents to 4.5 cents.

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	12.12	12.76	+0.01	
Bear	12.08	12.72	-0.02	
Owl	14.82	15.60	-0.04	
Bull	13.56	14.28	+0.03	
Stag	13.64	14.68	-0.16	
Gilt Edged		11.96	+0.02	
Deposit		11.02	+0.01	
Pensions				
Squirrel	13.97	14.71	+0.02	
Bear	14.12	14.87	-0.01	
Owl	18.10	19.05	-0.04	
Bull	16.41	17.28	+0.05	
Stag	16.41	17.28		
Gilt Edged		13.24	+0.02	
Deposit		12.15	+0.02	
Exempt App Mixed	182.5	188.2	+0.25	
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	261.5	275.3	+0.4	
Do Accum	390.5	411.1	+0.5	
Equity Fund Income	109.1	114.9	-1.5	
Do Accum	123.8	130.4	-1.7	
Selective Fund	292.3	307.7	-1.5	
Money Fund	248.5	261.6	+0.3	
Prop Fd Ser 4	313.1	329.6	+0.4	
Equity Ser 4	129.2	136.1	-1.4	
Man Ser 4	372.9	392.6	-1.2	
Conv Ser 4	221.9	233.6	+0.2	
Money Ser 4	221.7	233.4	+0.2	
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	215.9	224.7	-0.4	
American Ser 4	246.6	259.5	+2.8	
High Inc Ser 4	374.3	394.1	-3.7	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	130.4	137.4	+0.6	
Japan Ser 4	278.8	294.8	-0.2	
ALBANY LIFE 3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	880.3	926.6	-3.1	
European Fd Accum	196.8	207.1	-0.7	
Fixed Int Acc	333.5	351.0	+0.7	
Gtd Money Fd Acc	225.7	237.5	+0.2	
Intl Man Fd Acc	347.7	365.9	+0.9	
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	197.2	207.5	-0.6	
Japan Fund	282.4	297.2	-3.0	
Nth American Fd Acc	149.8	157.7	+2.9	
Prop Fd Acc	301.2	317.0	+1.2	
Multiple Inv Acc	608.2	640.2	-0.7	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	251.3	264.6	+0.3	
Equity Accum	727.9	766.3	-4.0	
Property Accum	463.2	487.6	+4.9	
Far East Accum	177.7	187.1	+0.4	
Managed Capital	338.3	356.2	-1.2	
Do Accum	582.6	613.3	-1.9	
Overseas Accum	479.6	504.9	-2.4	
Gilt Edged Accum	307.4	323.6	+1.1	
Amer Equity Accum	357.3	376.2	+5.7	
Amer Man Accum	167.3	176.2	+2.5	
Amer Prop Accum	125.0	131.6	+0.6	
BALTIC ASSURANCE 25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	294.0	309.5	-5.11	
Managed Income	130.9	137.8	-3.09	
International	176.8	186.1	-1.61	
High Income	190.8	200.8	-7.07	
Income & Growth	264.0	277.9	-8.19	
Basic Resource	109.9	115.7	-2.67	
American	146.1	153.8	+0.78	
Japan & General	456.7	480.7	+0.35	
Special Situations	231.3	243.5	-7.69	
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	535.5	563.7	-7.7	
Do Initial	436.6	459.6	-6.3	
Gilt Edged Accum	232.3	244.6	+0.4	
Do Initial	191.1	201.2	+0.3	
International Accum	276.1	290.7	+0.2	
Do Initial	225.6	237.5	+0.2	
Managed Accum	354.7	373.4	-2.6	
Do Initial	290.3	305.6	-2.1	
Money Accum	196.6	207.2	+0.2	
Do Initial	158.2	164.5		
Property Accum	285.0	300.1		
Do Initial	231.3	243.5	-0.1	
America Accum	155.2	163.4	+2.2	
Do Initial	129.0	135.8	+1.8	
Australia Accum	161.5	170.0	+0.9	
Do Initial	134.5	141.6	+0.8	
Financial Accum	241.3	254.0	-3.6	
Do Initial	200.5	211.1	-3.0	
500 Accum	289.1	304.4	-4.8	
Do Initial	237.9	249.5	-3.9	
Japan &Gen Acc 2	431.0	453.7	-1.1	
Do Initial 2	351.0	369.5	-1.0	
Income Accum	301.3	317.2	-3.6	
Do Initial	248.3	262.5	-3.1	
Leisure Accum	192.2	202.4	-3.6	
Special Sits Accum	145.2	152.9	-3.6	
Univ Tech Accum	104.1	109.6		
Do Initial	88.5	93.2	-0.1	
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fund		436.82	-3.49	
Income Fund	433.8	456.5	-1.86	
Extra Income Fund	403.3	424.6	-3.32	
Worldwide Grwth Fd	298.9	314.7	+2.15	
Balanced Fund	344.7	362.8	-3.33	
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	528.6	554.4	-2.76	
Int Technology Fund	290.7	306.0	+4.64	
N Amer & Gen Fund	196.9	207.3	+2.38	
Energy Int Fund	112.5	118.6	-0.84	
Pacific Basin Fund	276.1	290.7	+0.94	
German Growth Fd	104.9	110.4	+0.87	
Japan Growth Fd	178.6	188.0	+0.20	
The UK Gth Fd	123.3	129.8	-1.44	
Conti Euro Gth	66.59	70.10	+0.03	
Property Fund	261.2	275.0	+8.46	
Fixed Interest Fund	211.6	233.0	+4.83	
Cash Fund	198.7	209.9	+0.22	
Managed Inv Fund	275.7	290.2	+22.80	
Nth Amer Recov	110.2	116.0	+1.52	
CANADA LIFE 2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth		160.7		
Managed	196.7	207.1	-0.1	
Property	158.8	167.2	+0.1	
Gilt & Fixed Int	153.4	161.5	+0.4	

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Index-Linked	129.9	136.8		
Equity	210.1	221.2	-1.5	
Cash	153.7	161.8	+0.1	
Midland Bk UT	210.6	221.7	-0.4	
Midland Bk Int	211.9	223.1	+0.5	
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units		275.78	-0.77	
Property Units		228.54		
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£38.94	40.57	+0.26	
2nd Equity Accum	375.5	397.4	-3.5	
2nd High Inc/Accum	384.9	395.1	-3.0	
2nd Property Accum	284.6	301.2		
2nd Managed 2 Acc	126.1	133.4	-0.2	
2nd Managed Acc	273.1	289.0	-0.3	
2nd Managed 4 Acc	116.8	123.6	-0.5	
2nd Deposit Accum	195.5	206.9	+0.3	
2nd Gilt Accum	200.6	212.3	+1.2	
2nd Amer Accum	212.5	224.9	+8.1	
2nd Intl Money Ac	195.7	207.1	-0.1	
2nd Index Accum	123.5	130.7	+0.5	
2nd Far East Accum	234.6	248.3	-1.6	
2nd Global Accum	80.4	85.1	+0.4	
2nd Euro Accum	85.8	90.8	+0.1	
2nd Japan Accum	152.9	161.8	-1.7	
2nd Heritage Acc	97.4	103.1		
2nd Intl Curr Bond	92.4	97.8	-0.5	
2nd Strat Opp Acc	97.3	103.0	-1.0	
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	170.0	179.0		
Money Fund	256.9	270.5	+0.3	
Managed Fund	464.6	489.1	-2.8	
Equity Fund	356.3	375.1	-5.5	
Fixed Interest Fund	163.7	172.4	+0.1	
Far East Fund	244.1	257.0	-0.3	
Nth Amer Fund	107.9	113.6	+2.8	
Nat Resources Fund	188.9	198.9	-1.4	
Alexandra Fund	108.8	114.5		
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566 Assurance Funds				
Mixed	158.2	166.5	+0.8	
Equity	180.4	189.9	-0.2	
Property	176.1	185.4	+0.3	
Gilt & Fixed Int	130.0	136.9	+0.8	
Indexed Secs	110.0	115.8	+0.3	
Cash	125.2	131.8	+0.1	
Nth American	104.5	110.1	+5.4	
Far East	165.1	173.8	+2.9	
International	123.8	130.4	+2.2	
Special Sits	182.0	191.6	+1.7	
Intl Income	166.8	175.6	+2.1	
American Inc	101.9	107.3	+5.1	
European	160.2	168.7	+1.4	
Japanese	120.8	127.2	+1.0	
SE Asia	129.6	136.5	+2.1	
Home Inv WP Reg	99.5	104.9	+0.1	
Home Inv WP Spec	99.5	104.9	+0.1	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	156.5	164.8	+1.3	
Equity	167.5	176.4	+0.8	
Property	164.8	173.5	+0.6	
Gilt & Fixed Int	145.5	153.2	+0.4	
Index Linked	116.4	122.6	+0.3	
Cash	141.1	148.6	+0.2	
Nth American	108.9	114.7	+5.2	
Far East Acc	204.8	215.6	+2.1	
International Acc	140.5	147.9	+2.0	
Special Sits	249.9	263.1	+2.9	
European Flex	188.5	198.5	+0.7	
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 01-248 9861				
CML U AssrNay		172.22		
CML U AssPacemkr		219.97		
CML U AssCash	140.1	147.5	-0.06	
CML U AssEquity	317.8	334.5	-12.06	
CML U AssFI	212.8	224.0	-1.86	
CML U AssMngd	247.3	260.4	-6.89	
CML U AssProp	323.2	340.2	-15.24	
CML(Pen)Cash Cap	142.8	150.3		
CML(Pen)Cash Inv	169.4	178.3		
CML(Pen)Eqty Cap	749.1	788.5		
CML(Pen)Eqty Inv	888.4	935.2		
CML(Pen)Fxd Cap	235.5	247.9		
CML(Pen)Fxd Inv	273.3	294.0		
CML(Pen)Indx Cap	143.5	151.0		
CML(Pen)Indx Inv	170.2	179.1		
CML(Pen)Man Cap	350.2	368.7		
CML(Pen)Man Inv	415.4	437.3		
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)		326.02	-5.59	
Var Ann (5)		83.92	-0.80	
Prime- Managed	252.9	266.3	-0.3	
Prime- UK Equity	302.2	318.2	-0.6	
Prime- Int Equity	188.3	198.3		
Prime- Property	172.2	181.3	+1.7	
Prime- Fixed Interest	159.2	167.6	+0.1	
Prime- Index-Linked	114.2	120.3		
Prime- Cash	136.8	144.0	+0.2	
CONFEDERATION LIFE 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	707.4	744.6		
Equity Fund	981.0	1032.6		
PIP Fund		£29.878		
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	341.5	359.4	-2.3	
Life Fixed Int Accum	250.3	263.4	+0.9	
Life Equity Accum	418.0	440.0	-8.6	
Life Money Accum	199.8	210.3	+0.4	
Life Inv Trust Accum	422.7	444.9	-4.0	
Life Intl Accum	320.8	337.8	+1.6	
Life High Inc Accum	446.0	469.4	-15.3	
Life Property Accum	224.2	236.0	+0.1	
Crown Brit Inv A	681.7	719.7		
Brewin Equity	677.2	712.8	+9.9	
DBS Managed	211.8	222.9	+0.3	
Growth Accum	254.8	268.2	-2.0	
CRUSADER INSURANCE Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
Measured perf	94.6	100.1		
Performance Plus	88.0	93.1	+0.1	
Wm Profit Perf	110.1	116.5	+0.1	
UK Opportunity	117.7	124.5	-1.7	
Euro Opportunity	91.0	96.3	+0.3	
North Amer Opp	78.0	82.5	+1.3	

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Far East Opp	98.8	104.5		
Gth Prop Series 1	183.4	193.1	+5.1	
Gth Prop Series 2	139.2	147.3	+2.8	
Fixed Int	107.7	114.0	+0.5	
Cash	107.3	113.5	+0.2	
Managed Pens	340.6	341.7		
Overseas	84.1	89.0	+0.1	
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	117.1	123.3	+0.3	
Blue Chip Fund	146.3	154.1	-0.5	
Adventurous Fund	152.1	160.2	-1.2	
Performance Fund	155.7	165.0	-0.9	
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	177.0	183.4	-2.0	4.47
EQUITY & LAW Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	489.0	514.7	-7.4	
Higher Income Fund	510.5	537.3	-7.7	
Property Fund	378.0	397.8	+0.4	
Fixed Interest Fund	268.1	282.2	+0.5	
Index-Linked Scs Fd	117.6	123.7		
Gtd Deposit Fund	197.8	208.2	+0.4	
Nth America Fund	189.0	198.8	+0.6	
Far East Fund	349.6	368.0	-0.2	
Europe Fund	202.1	212.7	-2.5	
International Fund	278.5	293.5	-2.1	
Mixed Fund	381.9	401.9	-6.2	
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	175.2	184.5	-0.5	
UK Equity	210.8	221.9	-1.3	
Stewardship	213.4	224.7	-3.3	
Overseas Equity	166.9	175.7	-0.4	
North American	80.1	84.4	+1.4	
Pacific Basin	98.5	103.7	-0.7	
European	94.6	99.6	+1.7	
Property	176.5	185.8	+0.1	
Fixed Interest	143.3	150.9	+0.1	
Index Linked	111.6	117.5		
Cash	132.5	139.5	+0.1	
GT MANAGEMENT 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ 01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	177.6	187.0	+1.5	
GT Plan High Yield	240.6	253.3		
GT Plan Far East	218.8	230.4	+0.8	
GT Plan North Amer	108.7	114.5	+2.1	
GT Plan UK & GE	315.0	332.7	-1.3	
GT Plan Worldwide	248.5	258.5	-0.8	
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE 2, Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR 0904 628982				
Managed	124.1	130.5	-0.4	
UK Equity	171.9	180.9	-1.5	
Fixed Int	124.4	130.8	+0.2	
Index-Linked	110.3	116.0	+0.1	
Cash Deposit	118.8	125.0	+0.2	
Property	139.0	146.2	+0.7	
International	103.6	109.0	-0.2	
American	78.2	82.2	+1.2	
Japan	137.7	144.8	-0.9	
Japan Smlr Co's	139.0	146.2	-1.0	
European	99.2	104.3	+0.1	
Pacific Fund	94.8	99.7	+0.4	
Conv Life	94.7	99.6	+1.0	
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts 0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc	469.9	475.6	-1.5	
Do Init		315.5	-2.2	
Do Inv a	469.8	494.5	-3.1	
UK Equity	251.1	264.4	-3.5	
Oseas Equity	147.4	155.3	+0.9	
Smaller Cos	168.8	175.7	-2.9	
Gilt Plus	137.3	144.7	+0.7	
Do 88	126.2	133.0	-0.1	
Fixed Int Dep	125.8	132.5	+0.2	
Managed	194.8	205.2	-1.2	
Inter Man	181.2	189.6		
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	446.8	470.8	+0.7	
Money Fund	214.0	225.3	+0.3	
Equity Fund	380.7	401.2	+1.6	
Fixed Interest Fund	161.6	170.3	+0.8	
Property Fund	287.8	303.1		
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	219.5	231.3	+0.6	
Income	464.8	489.8	-4.5	
International Grwth	255.6	269.3	+1.5	
Capital Fund	443.8	467.7	-7.6	
Recovery Fund	309.8	326.4	-3.4	
Japan & General	198.2	208.9	+0.7	
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3 01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	659.0	695.4	-3.4	
Managed Initial	312.0	328.4	-4.1	
Do Accum	388.8	409.3	-4.8	
Equity Initial	483.1	508.6	-4.8	
Do Accum	602.1	633.8	-5.5	
Fixed Int Initial	273.1	287.5	-0.1	
Do Accum	340.4	358.3	+0.1	
Intl Initial	299.5	315.2	-1.5	
Do Accum	373.2	392.8	-1.7	
Nth Amer Initial	93.7	98.7	+1.8	
Do Accum	106.3	111.9	+2.1	
Pacific Initial	190.1	200.1	-3.3	
Do Accum	213.6	224.8	-3.6	
Property Initial	197.3	207.7		
Do Accum	245.8	258.7		
Index-Linked Initial	109.7	115.4	-0.2	
Do Accum	124.4	130.9	-0.2	
Deposit Initial	146.6	158.3	+0.1	
Do Accum	185.1	194.8	+0.2	
Euro Initial	67.5	71.1	-0.8	
Do Accum	70.8	74.5	-0.8	
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA 01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	302.8	319.2●	-4.4	
Gilt Edged Fund	84.8	89.6	-0.3	
Capital Growth Inc	282.0	297.7	-5.4	
Technology Fund	119.1	125.7	+2.6	
Natural Resources	91.1	96.2	-0.9	
Special Situations	254.8	268.6	-3.6	
North America Fund	184.4	194.7	+2.3	
Far East Fund	330.0	348.3	+1.8	

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Managed Fund	307.0	324.1	-2.7	
Deposit Fund	151.7	159.7	+0.1	
Prime Residential	165.9	174.7		
Property Fund	217.3	228.8	-8.4	
Managed Currency	115.8	122.4	+0.1	
Global Health Care	121.5	128.3	+1.8	
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355				
Security Fund	292.5	307.9	-2.2	
British Fund	268.2	282.4	-1.3	
International Fund	276.2	290.8	+1.3	
Dollar Fund	188.1	198.0	+2.5	
Capital Fund	262.6	276.5	-1.3	
Income Fund	358.7	377.6	-2.9	
Property Series 'A'	354.3	373.0		
Property Units	619.3	650.3		
Financial Fund	260.1	273.8	-2.2	
Managed Series 'A'	324.2	341.3	-0.6	
Do 'C'	218.5	230.0	-0.5	
Managed Units	570.7	600.8	-1.0	
High Yield Fund	346.2	364.5	-1.5	
Money Series 'A'	192.5	202.7	+0.3	
Money Units	248.8	261.9	+0.3	
Equity Fund	348.5	366.9	-1.4	
Fixed Interest Fund	226.7	238.7	+1.5	
Indexed Secs Fund	122.2	128.7	+0.7	
European Fund	371.6	391.2	-0.4	
Natural Res Fund	172.8	181.9	+0.5	
Far East Fund	371.6	391.4	-3.6	
Smaller Co's Fund	375.1	394.9	-7.4	
Special Sits Fund	287.0	302.2	-3.0	
Man Currency Fund	163.4	172.0	-1.2	
Japanese Tech	186.9	196.2	+1.2	
US Smaller Co's	84.8	89.3	+2.0	
IMPERIAL TRIDENT LIFE LTD 89, London Road, Gloucester, GL1 3LE 0452 500500 (Formerly Imperial Life Ass of Can)				
Growth Fund	293.5	308.3	-1.8	
Managed Fd	254.5	267.9	+1.5	
Fixed Int Fd	256.1	269.5	+1.8	
Secure Cap Fd	190.1	200.1	+0.4	
Equity Fd	698.3	735.0	-4.0	
Property Fd	227.8	239.9	+0.2	
(Formerly Trident Life)				
Managed	323.9	341.0	+2.0	
Gtd Mgd	334.8	352.3	+1.1	
Property	406.7	428.3	+0.3	
American	215.8	227.2	+1.3	
UK Equity Fd	398.8	419.9	-2.2	
High Yield	464.2	488.7	-2.9	
Gilt Edged	282.9	297.9	+1.0	
Money	268.7	282.9	+0.4	
International	256.5	270.1	+0.2	
Henderson Active	136.7	144.0	-0.7	
Perpetual Active	146.5	154.3	+0.6	
Growth Cap	291.3	306.7	-0.1	
Do Accum	390.2	410.8		
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1 4TY 01-638 1731				
Global Managed 3	318.6	335.4	+0.3	
Global Property 3	196.8	207.2	+13.8	
Global Fixed Int 3	318.5	333.2	+1.5	
Global Equity 3	350.0	368.4	-1.2	
Global Cash 3	141.9	149.4	+0.4	
LAS GROUP 10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH 031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	215.1	226.4	-1.6	
UK Equity	337.7	355.5	-4.5	
Property	270.6	284.9	+0.2	
Money Market	168.9	177.8	+0.2	
Fixed Interest	206.8	217.7	+0.4	
Japan	324.8	341.9	-2.0	
North America	95.1	100.1	-1.0	
International	186.2	196.4		
European	128.5	135.3	-1.4	
Far East	93.5	98.5		
Special Sits	78.9	83.1	-0.1	
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2, Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN5 1SE 0273 724566				
Bldg Soc Lnkd Init	110.2	116.0	+0.1	
Do Accum	125.3	131.9	+0.2	
Brit Opps Int	94.2	99.2	-1.5	
Do Accum	97.4	102.6	-1.2	
Cash Initial	135.1	142.3	+0.2	
Do Accum	193.6	203.8	+0.3	
Equity Initial	405.6	428.1	-2.8	
Do Accum	582.5	613.2	-3.7	
Fixed Initial	256.7	270.3	+0.6	
Do Accum	367.6	397.2	+0.7	
Index-Linked Gilt	102.7	108.2	+0.3	
Do Accum	125.5	132.2	+0.3	
Intl Initial	255.7	269.2	+0.1	
Do Accum	360.7	379.7	+0.2	
Managed Initial	313.8	330.4	-0.4	
Do Accum	449.6	473.3	-0.6	
Property Initial	203.1	213.8	+0.1	
Do Accum	291.0	306.4	+0.2	
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY 11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP 01-248 9678				
L & G (25)	232.9	241.5		
LONDON LIFE 100, Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity		525.0	-7.1	
Fixed Interest		249.3	+0.2	
Property		231.9	+0.1	
Deposit		188.1	+0.2	
Mixed		354.2	-2.8	
Indexed Stock		138.1	+0.2	
International		165.9	-0.5	
Equity A		122.9	-1.7	
Fixed Int A		111.8	+0.1	
Property A		129.5		
Deposit A		114.5	+0.1	
Mixed A		117.5	-0.9	
Index Stock A		107.6	+0.2	
International A		104.6	-0.3	
Equity P		409.7	-8.5	
Fixed Int P		286.0	+0.7	
Property P		243.4	+0.2	
Deposit P		197.1	+0.3	
Mixed P		304.8	-3.6	
Index Stock P		152.7	+0.3	
International P		180.3	-0.6	
LON & MANCHESTER GROUP Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap		407.6	-3.2	
Do Accum		626.1	-3.9	
Property Cap		165.5	+0.9	

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Do Accum		210.1	+1.4	
Fixed Interest Cap		162.9	+0.6	
Do Accum		206.1	+0.9	
Equity Cap		212.8	-0.2	
Do Accum		271.1	-0.1	
International Cap		165.3	+0.2	
Do Accum		210.6	+0.4	
Gtd Deposit Cap		150.3	+0.1	
Do Accum		189.3	+0.2	
Flexible Cap		249.5	-0.2	
Do Accum		317.6	-0.1	
Moneymaker Fund		258.1	-0.9	
Capital Growth Fund		830.4		
M & G Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626-4588				
Amer Bond Acc	190.3	199.9	+3.4	
Amer Rec Bond	226.1	237.5	+4.6	
Amer Smlr Co Bond	82.0	86.2	+1.5	
Australasia Bond	132.6	139.3	+2.0	
Commodity Bond	164.8	173.2	-0.8	
Deposit Bond Acc	241.3	253.4	+0.3	
Equity Bond Accum	757.5	795.5	-4.1	
European Bond Acc	180.4	189.5	+0.3	
Extra Yld Bd Accum	412.0	432.7	+1.8	
Far East Bd Accum	128.3	134.8	+0.9	
Gilt Bond Accum	269.2	282.7	+1.6	
Gold Bond Accum	88.2	92.6	+0.4	
High Yield Bond	264.4	277.7	-1.1	6.46
Index-Linked Gt Bd	138.8	145.8	+0.2	
International Bond	395.6	415.4	+0.5	
Japan Bond Acc	261.8	274.8	-3.6	
Japan Smlr Co Acc	188.6	198.1	-2.0	
Managed Bonds	489.0	513.7	-3.3	
Prop Bond Accum	341.1	358.3	+4.1	
Rec Bond Accum	406.7	427.1	+0.8	
MGM ASSURANCE MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY 0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	194.6	210.2	-7.4	
Do Accum	235.9	248.4	-5.6	
Special Sits Fund	183.5	193.2	-7.8	
Do Accum	217.0	228.5	-8.9	
North American Fd	118.2	124.5	+2.0	
Do Accum	139.7	147.1	+2.3	
Pacific Basin Fund	268.2	282.4	-0.1	
Do Accum	317.3	334.1	+0.5	
Fixed Interest Fund	215.2	226.6	+0.3	
Do Accum	254.4	267.8	+0.7	
Property Fund	157.8	165.9	+0.4	
Do Accum	188.4	198.3	+0.8	
Deposit Fund	115.5	121.6		
Do Accum	136.6	143.8	+0.2	
Managed Fund	194.0	204.3	-2.2	
Do Accum	229.5	241.6	-2.3	
MANUFACTURERS LIFE St Georges Way, Stevenage 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	438.2	461.3		
Property Fund	383.0	403.2		
Equity Fund	524.8	552.4		
Gilt Edged Fund	383.8	403.8		
Deposit Fund	219.4	230.9		
Investment Fund	225.1	236.4		
International Fund	342.3	360.3		
MERCHANT INVESTORS Leon House, 233 High St Croydon 01-686 9171				
Property		441.7		
Equity Bond		177.0	+3.1	
Money Market Bond		316.0	+1.4	
Deposit Fund		236.2	+0.2	
Managed Fund		290.5	-1.9	
Intl Equity		286.8	-1.0	
Intl Managed		287.3	+0.5	
North American		111.0	+1.2	
Far East		280.2	-2.1	
Intl Currency		173.2	+0.5	
NM SCHRODER LIFE Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	83.7	88.1	-0.3	
Fixed Interest	337.4	355.1	+1.7	
Managed	422.0	444.2	-0.5	
Deposit	232.0	244.2	+0.2	
Overseas	232.6	244.8	-1.5	
Property	358.4	377.2		
American	211.7	222.8	+3.6	
Australian	258.0	271.5	+3.7	
European	290.8	306.1	-0.6	
Gilt & Fixed Int	182.7	192.3	+1.4	
Global Managed	99.3	104.5	+0.1	
Income Accum	461.6	485.8	-6.9	
Do Dist	370.1	389.5	-13.7	
International	245.9	258.8	+0.8	
Japan Smaller	278.4	293.0	+1.4	
Singapore & Mal	118.2	124.4	-1.1	
Smaller Companies	375.1	394.8	-5.4	
Tokyo Fund	461.6	485.8	+2.9	
UK Equity	372.9	392.5	-2.1	
CCM Vang'd Mgd	401.4	422.5	-2.0	
Equity Pension Cap	582.4	613.0	-1.7	
Overseas Pension	255.8	254.2	-4.7	
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200				
Managed	288.3	303.5	-0.8	
UK Equity	356.0	374.8	-4.4	
Overseas Equity	263.0	276.9	+1.7	
American	197.9	208.4	+3.2	
Far East	331.8	349.3	+0.3	
Property	193.0	203.2	-0.8	
Fixed Interest	216.6	228.8	+0.7	
Indexed Gilt	128.2	135.0		
Deposit	144.4	152.0	+0.2	
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	742.7	781.8	-0.8	
Equity Fund	£14.49	15.25	-0.10	
Property Fund (3)	432.1	454.9	+0.1	
Fixed Int Fund (3)	387.2	407.6	+0.7	
Deposit Fund (3)	225.4	237.3	+0.3	
Intl Fund (30)	127.1	133.8	+1.1	
Unit-Linked Plus		822.3		
PEARL ASSURANCE 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01 831-1857				
Inv Prop Dist	177.6	187.0	+0.1	
Do Accum	299.2	315.0	+0.1	
Inv Equity	636.3	669.3	+1.2	
Inv Managed	465.5	490.0	-1.9	
Ret Managed	442.3	465.6	-3.6	
PHOENIX ASSURANCE 4-5, King William St. EC4N 7ER 01-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	382.8	403.1	-2.6	
Ebor Phoenix Equity	345.3	367.6		

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
PROPERTY GROWTH Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU 01-680 0606				
Property Fund		411.8	+1.4	
Property Fund (A)		392.9	+1.2	
Agricultural Fund		519.0	+0.3	
Agric Fund (A)		496.6	+0.2	
Abbey Nat Fund		308.6	+0.8	
Abbey Nat Fund (A)		329.0	+1.0	
Investment Fund		206.3	-0.4	
Investment Fund (A)		199.6	-0.3	
Equity Fund		732.3	-4.5	
Equity (A)		710.5	-4.4	
Money Fund		307.4	+0.3	
Money Fund (A)		297.7	+0.2	
Actuarial Fund		345.0	-0.8	
Gilt-Edged Fund		281.1	+0.7	
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)		281.1	+0.7	
Retire Annuity		809.0		
Immed Annuity		323.6		
International Fund		374.9	+1.3	
Bldg Soc Life Fund		158.2	+0.1	
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL 30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG 01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	181.2	191.2	-3.5	
Fixed Interest Acc	141.6	149.4		
International Accum	127.6	134.6	-1.2	
Managed Accum	142.6	150.4	-1.3	
Property Accum	221.9	234.1	-0.8	
Money Accum	102.7	108.4	+0.1	
Special Mkt Accum	97.3	102.7	+0.7	
Japan Growth Acc	136.7	144.3	-1.0	
N Amer Accum	83.8	88.4	+0.6	
Pacific Accum	72.6	78.6	+0.4	
Technology Accum	106.5	112.4	+1.9	
Natural Res Accum	57.0	60.2	-0.7	
Japan Grwth Accum	216.4	228.3		
European Accum	77.5	81.8	-0.3	
PROVIDENT MUTUAL 25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA 01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	288.0	303.2	-1.6	
Managed Initial	235.5	247.9	-1.5	
Equity Ord	391.0	411.6	-4.9	
Equity Init	319.7	336.5	-4.3	
Index-Lnkd Gilt Ord	130.7	137.6	+0.3	
Index Linked Gilt Init	111.6	117.5	+0.2	
Oseas Equity Ord	258.1	271.7	+0.3	
Oseas Equity Initial	211.0	222.1		
Property Ord	185.1	194.8	+0.1	
Property Initial	151.3	159.3	-0.1	
Fixed Int Ord	172.6	181.7	+0.2	
Fixed Int Initial	141.2	148.6	+0.2	
Deposit Ord	138.2	145.5	+0.2	
Deposit Initial	113.0	118.9	+0.1	
PROVINCIAL LIFE Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria 0539 23415				
Managed Fund	484.8	510.9	-15.5	
Cash Fund	223.5	235.6	-0.1	
Property Fund	272.3	287.0		
Equity Fund	548.7	578.1	+3.5	
Fxd Interest Fund	282.4	297.6	-0.1	
International	242.0	255.1	-12.5	
High Income	384.9	405.6	-13.5	
Far East	383.0	402.6	-6.7	
North American	202.5	213.4	-0.6	
Special Sits	472.6	498.0	-21.5	
Technology	201.2	212.1	-1.8	
Extra Income Fund	224.7	236.8	-7.6	
Gilt Fund 20	292.9	311.7	+1.1	
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH 01-405 9222				
Managed	207.8	218.6	-1.6	
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN LIFE LTD 30 Old Burlington Street London W1X 1LB 01-439 3134				
Managed Fund	432.1	454.9	-3.1	
Equity Fund	852.2	897.1	-12.7	
Intl Fund	300.1	315.9	+2.1	
Fixed Interest Fund	363.6	383.0	+1.3	
Property Fund	354.3	373.0	+8.2	
Cash Fund	243.9	256.8	+0.3	
Pacific Basin Fd	179.3	188.8	+1.0	
N American Fd	115.5	121.6	+2.5	
Euro Fund	128.2	135.0	+0.6	
Balanced Fund	100.2	105.5	-1.2	
Strategic Fund	100.2	105.5	-1.3	
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD 20, Clifton Street, London EC2A 4HX 01-920 0202 0733 262324				
Multi Growth (45)		450.61		
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	450.5	474.3		
Op 8 Prop	404.0	425.3	-0.1	
Op 8 Equity	685.4	721.5	-8.7	
Op 8 High Yield	340.3	358.3	+1.0	
Op 8 Managed	529.2	557.2	-3.2	
Op 8 Deposit	263.9	277.8	+0.5	9.14
Op 8 US Dollar	81.6	85.9		8.75
Amer Smaller	89.5	94.8	+1.0	
Commodity	69.1	72.8	+0.5	
Extra Inc	138.9	146.3	-0.2	
Far East	143.0	150.6	-0.3	
Fixd Secs	146.3	154.0	-1.4	
Gold Gen	34.6	36.5	-0.4	
Inc Gth	219.7	231.3	-0.7	
Intl Fond	139.9	147.3	+2.8	
Japan Perf	265.8	279.8	+0.8	
Japan Smlr	161.5	170.1	+1.5	
Natl High	206.7	217.6	-1.8	
Prop Shs	179.4	188.9	-4.8	
Intl Recovery	196.0	206.4	+0.7	
Smaller Cos	268.1	282.3	+3.2	
Univ Energy	51.9	54.7	+0.2	
World Tech	96.5	101.6	+0.2	
Managed Gth	166.0	174.8	-0.1	
Gilt	82.7	87.1	+0.1	
Hong Kong	67.5	71.1	+0.2	
Aust Gth	56.5	59.5	+0.6	
Amer (35.34)	111.4	117.3	+2.2	
Australian	52.4	55.2	+1.1	
British	165.3	174.1	-0.1	
Commodity	111.5	117.4	+0.8	
Extra Inc	182.9	192.6	-1.0	
Far Eastern	225.5	237.4	+0.8	
Intl Fixed Int	85.5	90.0	+0.2	
Global (35.34)	262.9	276.7	+2.0	
Gold Share	47.4	49.9	+0.9	
High Income	244.6	257.5	-3.2	
Income	312.5	329.0	-3.2	
Japan	291.7	307.1	+0.6	
Special Sits	220.4	232.1	-6.6	
UK Smlr Co's	271.7	286.0	-1.5	
Man Growth	278.2	292.9	+0.1	
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	545.6	577.3	-3.2	

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	222.9	234.6	-1.3	
Equity Fund	276.5	290.0	-2.8	
Property Fund	208.2	219.1	-0.8	
International Fund	278.0	292.6	-0.7	
Pacific Basin Fund	195.4	205.6	+0.1	
United States Fund	122.8	129.2	+1.4	
Gilt Fund	205.0	215.7	+0.6	
SAVE & PROSPER 1, Finsbury Ave London EC2M 2QY 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	469.9	494.1	+1.7	
Deposit Fund (2)	249.1	263.6	+0.4	
Gilt Fund	320.8	338.5	+1.8	
Global Equity Fund	137.1	145.1	-0.6	
Property Fund (46)	80.7	85.4●	+0.9	
AG Bond Fund	97.5	103.2	-1.7	
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 2323				
Equity	357.6	376.5	-3.3	
Fixed Interest	218.6	230.4	-0.8	
International	229.9	242.0	+1.2	
Property	206.5	217.4	+6.1	
Cash	154.5	162.7	+0.2	
Managed	278.6	293.3	-0.1	
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	117.0	123.1	+0.19	
Index-Linked	100.6	105.9	+0.1	
Fixed Interest	120.4	126.8	+0.4	
Mixed	140.7	148.2	-1.4	
UK Equity	130.7	137.6	-2.1	
International	151.0	159.0	-1.2	
American	109.6	115.4	+1.3	
Japan	213.2	224.5	-2.0	
European	141.8	149.3	-1.4	
Pacific	188.5	198.5	-1.8	
Technology	134.2	141.3	+0.9	
Foreign Bd/Currency	138.8	146.2	-1.0	
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031-225 2211				
Property	163.6	172.3	+0.1	
UK Equity	192.0	202.2●	-1.0	
American	127.6	134.5●	+2.9	
Pacific	206.6	217.5●	+1.8	
European	224.3	236.2	+1.3	
International	167.8	176.7	+1.2	
Fixed Interest	139.1	146.5	+0.5	
Index Linked	132.0	139.0	+0.3	
Deposit	126.7	133.5	+0.2	
Managed	163.6	172.4	+0.4	
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£10.47	10.80		
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS 109, St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	139.2	146.6	-0.7	
Growth Fund	145.2	152.9	-1.3	
Opportunity Fund	142.8	150.4	-1.3	
Cash Fund	116.8	123.0	+0.2	
European Fund	172.3	181.4	+0.1	
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	122.4	128.8	-0.9	
Index-Linked Fund	116.0	122.2	+0.3	
International Fund	149.6	157.5	+1.1	
North American Fd	105.7	111.3	+1.7	
Property Fund	120.7	127.1	+0.1	
UK Equity	149.1	157.0	-2.0	
UK Smaller	189.7	199.7	-4.5	
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031-556 9181				
Mixed	160.1	168.7	-0.5	
Equity	163.1	171.7	-2.2	
International	161.1	169.7	+1.7	
Property	206.1	217.1	+0.1	
Fixed Interest	131.8	138.9	+0.4	
Index Linked	115.5	121.7	+0.2	
Cash	127.8	134.6	+0.2	
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1		511.2		
Inv Pol 2	470.5	495.3		
Inv Pol 3	456.5	480.7		
Inv Cash	203.8	214.6		
Mixed Fund	272.9	287.4	+0.4	
Equity Fund	320.2	337.2	-0.4	
Property Fund	210.3	221.5	+0.3	
International Fund	265.8	280.3	+1.9	
Fixed Interest Fund	213.6	224.9	+0.2	
Indexed Stock Fund	128.2	135.0	+0.2	
Cash Fund	149.7	157.7	+0.2	
SKANDIA LIFE Frobisher Hse, Nelsons Gate, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Accum	233.0	245.2	-0.7	
Equity Accum	278.1	292.7	-2.8	
International Accum	220.2	231.7	+1.2	
Property	183.4	193.3	+0.3	
Royal Trust Mngd	151.5	159.5	-0.8	
Britannia Mngd	121.5	127.8	-0.1	
Framlington Mngd	140.6	148.0	-0.8	
Gartmore Mngd	152.4	160.4	-0.2	
Henderson Mngd	145.3	152.9	-0.5	
TSB Managed	180.7	187.5	-1.0	
North European	185.1	194.8	+0.7	
Pacific	180.8	190.3	+0.7	
Intl Recovery	150.4	158.3	+0.4	
Gilt Plus Accum	195.5	205.7	+1.7	
North American	109.0	114.7	+1.3	
Deposit	178.2	187.5	+0.2	
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225-2552				
Cash	179.4	188.9	+0.3	
Equity	503.0	529.5	-1.1	
European	81.9	86.3	+0.1	
Far East	112.7	118.7	-1.8	
Fixed Interest	247.1	260.2	+0.5	
Index Linked	133.5	140.6		
International	347.1	365.4	+0.2	
Managed	373.8	393.5	-0.4	
Nth American	73.2	77.1	+1.1	
Property	253.8	267.3	+0.2	

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Pension Funds				
Cash	242.6	255.4	+0.5	
Equity	678.8	714.5	-2.4	
European	81.8	86.3	+0.1	
Far East	112.7	118.7	-1.8	
Fixed Interest	294.2	309.7	+0.5	
Index Linked	174.1	183.3	+0.1	
International	479.0	504.3	+2.2	
Managed	494.7	520.8	-0.3	
Nth American	73.2	77.1	+1.1	
Property	309.1	325.4	+0.4	
Stock Exchange	110.0	115.8	-0.1	
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 64141				
Managed Fund	389.9	410.5	-0.7	
Equity Fund	507.7	534.5	-3.1	
Fixed Interest Fund	286.0	301.1	+0.8	
Index Linked Fund	197.5	207.9		
Property Fund	370.9	390.5	+1.2	
International Fund	340.5	358.5	+1.4	
N American Fund	103.9	109.4	+1.7	
Far East Fund	195.5	205.8	-0.8	
Deposit Fund	198.2	208.7	+0.2	
International Bond		242.6	-0.3	
Worldwide Bond				
Worldwide Fixd	81.5	85.8	-0.4	
Worldwide Tech	78.0	82.2	-0.5	
European	81.9	86.3	-0.1	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing:0256-841414				
Growth Account		891.9	-19.6	
Managed Account		479.5	-7.1	
Equity Account		639.4	-17.5	
Mngd Fund Accum	226.8	238.8	-3.5	
Equity Fund Accum	287.9	303.0	-8.1	
Prop Fund Accum	214.1	225.4	+1.0	
Fixed Int Fd Acc	183.5	193.2	-1.5	
Intl Fund Accum	267.9	282.0	-1.7	
Money Fund Accum	147.7	155.5	+0.4	
Indx-Lnkd Scs Acc	137.0	144.2	-0.1	
Pers Pens Account		957.6	-4.5	
Pens Mngd Account	445.7	469.1	-2.2	
Pens Guarantee	138.0	145.3	+0.3	
Pens Equity	164.2	172.8	-2.7	
Pens Property	175.7	185.1	+3.2	
Pens Fixed Int	148.7	156.5	+0.4	
Pens Intl	122.7	129.2	-0.1	
Pens Money	136.6	143.8	+0.3	
Pens Indx-Lnkd	121.6	128.0	+1.0	
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Accum	486.2	511.8	+0.1	
Property Accum	308.8	325.1	+0.5	
Equity Accum	683.8	719.8	-1.8	
Fixed Int Accum	236.5	249.0	+0.4	
Index-Linked Accum	124.0	130.6	+0.2	
Cash Accum	204.3	215.1	+0.2	
Amer Equity Accum	186.4	196.3	+2.8	
US Bonds Accum	112.3	118.3	+1.6	
Japan Accum	287.0	302.2	-0.5	
Pacific Accum	131.7	138.7	+0.3	
Far Eastern Accum	443.5	466.9	+0.4	
International Accum	306.9	323.1	+1.8	
US Dollar Accum	86.7	91.3	+0.1	
Yen Accum	129.6	136.5	-0.6	
Euro Cur Accum	113.9	119.9	-1.0	
Distribution Fund	208.5	219.5	-0.2	7.77
European	96.1	101.2	+0.2	
TSB LIFE LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789				
Managed Fund	164.9	173.7	-0.8	
Property Fund	148.1	156.0	-0.1	
Fixed Interest Fund	144.7	152.4	+0.4	
Money Fund	133.3	140.4		
Equity Fund	209.3	220.4	-1.7	
TARGET LIFE Target House, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury Bucks Aylesbury (0296) 394000				
American Eagle	91.7	96.6	+2.1	
Australian	23.7	25.0	-0.3	
Commodity	83.0	87.4	-0.9	
Deposit	172.7	181.8	+0.3	
Residential Prop	101.3	106.7		
Financial	193.7	203.9	-2.1	
Fixed Interest	201.0	211.7	+0.1	
Gold	69.3	73.0	-0.5	
Income	252.7	266.0	-2.6	
International Equity	234.9	247.3	-2.6	
Japan	335.2	352.9	-2.8	
Convertible	100.8	105.9	+0.4	
Managed	386.5	406.8	-0.9	
International Bond	87.5	92.2●	-2.1	
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5	-0.4	
Pacific	169.3	178.3	+1.4	
Preference	190.2	200.3		
Property	326.1	343.3	+0.8	
Special Situations	180.9	190.5	-5.9	
Sterling		8.0		
Technology	81.8	86.1		
UK Equity	535.5	564.6	-15.1	
World Income	146.9	154.7	+0.3	
Euro Situations	130.0	136.9	-1.3	
REGENCY LIFE ASS CO 55-57 High Holborn London WC1V 6DU 01-831 7481				
Series 2 Man Fund	273.1	287.4	-3.0	
Series 2 Equity Fund	324.4	341.4	-8.1	
Series 2 Prop Fund	381.1	401.1	-3.1	
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	237.9	250.4	+0.7	
Series 2 Money Fd	170.7	179.6	+0.1	
Series 2 O'seas Fd	223.4	235.1	-1.0	
Tulip Invest Fund	267.9	282.0	-1.7	
Tulip Mangd Fund	339.5	357.3	-3.3	
Mngd Inv Fd Int	227.8	240.3	-2.4	
Do Accum	278.3	292.9	-2.8	
TYNDALL ASSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
3-Way Fund		376.9	-2.6	
UK Equity	233.0	245.2	-4.2	
N American Equity	163.3	171.8	+2.8	
Far East Equity	303.1	319.1	+1.7	
Fixed	183.9	193.6	+1.3	
Cash Deposit	138.9	146.2	+0.1	
Property	128.9	135.7		
Special Opp	332.8	350.3	-4.7	
Managed	212.2	230.8	+0.1	
Index-Linked Fd	133.9	140.9	+0.4	
Star Mngd 2	210.8	222.0	+2.0	
Star Mngd 3	221.4	233.1	+0.7	
Star Mngd 4	202.4	213.1	+1.8	
Star Mngd 5	202.1	212.7	+1.7	

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Weak close to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 28. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day December 12. Settlement day December 19.

§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	House Of Lerose	Drapery,Stores	
2	Telephone Rentals	Electricals	
3	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
4	Brent Walker	Leisure	
5	Whessoe	Industrials S-Z	
6	Vibroplant	Building,Roads	
7	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
8	Relyon	Industrials L-R	
9	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
10	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	Banks,Discount	
11	GEC (aa)	Electricals	
12	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
13	Meat Trade Supp	Foods	
14	Harrison Ind	Building,Roads	
15	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
16	Kentish Prop	Property	
17	Caird Gp	Property	
18	Portals	Industrials L-R	
19	Peek	Electricals	
20	MIL Research	Paper,Print,Adv	
21	Cantors 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
22	Br Petroleum (aa)	Oil,Gas	
23	Edbro	Industrials E-K	
24	Meggitt	Industrials L-R	
25	Dawson	Textiles	
26	MBS	Electricals	
27	Greene King	Breweries	
28	Cropper (James)	Paper,Print,Adv	
29	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
30	BAT (aa)	Tobaccos	
31	Goldberg (A)	Drapery,Stores	
32	Rentokil	Chemicals,Plas	
33	Doctus	Industrials A-D	
34	Corah	Textiles	
35	Derwent Hldgs	Property	
36	BWI	Industrials A-D	
37	Enterprise (aa)	Oil,Gas	
38	Independent	Newspapers,Pub	
39	Habit Precision	Industrials E-K	
40	Steetley	Building,Roads	
41	Tootal	Textiles	
42	Crystalate	Electricals	
43	Nash Ind	Industrials L-R	
44	Burmah (aa)	Oil,Gas	

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BANKS, DISCOUNT HP (continued)

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
162	94	Rothschild (J) Hld	151	155	●-1	10.7	7.0	6.1
380	287	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	350	353	+3	20.0	5.7	5.2
10	850	Schroders	850	800	..	22.0	2.5	11.0
528	372	Stand Chart (aa)	470	474	-4	46.7	9.9	..
118½	96	TSB (aa)	106	107	..	6.6	6.2	7.1
585	493	Union Disc	490	500	..	38.4	7.8	11.2
355	274	Warburg SG	271	276	●-7	15.6	5.7	7.3
133	95	Do 8% 'A'	97	100	..	8.0	8.1	..
40½	23	Wells Fargo	35¼	..	-¼	..	..	..
458	440	Westpac	435	450	..	9.3	2.1	16.3

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
499	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	453	456	-5	18.2	4.0	13.6
867	734	Bass (aa)	768	772	-3	31.3	4.1	8.8
66	44	Belhaven	48	51	-1	1.0	2.0	19.5
175	127	Boddington	167	171	-1	5.4	3.2	17.5
207	129	Buckleys	151	155	..	0.9	0.6	..
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	148	155	..	8.7	5.7	10.2
195	120	Burtonwood Brew	187	195	●-2	4.3	2.3	23.6
405	332	Clark (Matthew)	397	407	..	14.7	3.7	11.1
371	292	Devenish (JA)	295	302	..	4.0	1.3	26.3
230	176	Greenall Whitley	247	252	..	8.3	3.3	14.2
494	433	Greene King	450	457	+6	9.9	2.2	20.1
357	271	Guinness (aa)	327	329	-1	12.9	3.9	10.8
810	680	Hardys & Hansons	800	820	..	30.0	3.7	15.1
136	76	Highland Dist	131	135	●..	3.8	2.9	17.7
415	168	Invergordon Dist	400	405	..	8.3	2.1	24.4
440	125	Irish Dist	375	385	..	..	..	..
169	110	Marston Thompson	153	168	-1	4.0	2.4	18.5
683	464	Morland	625	670	●..	12.1	1.9	11.1
368	250	SA Breweries	270	280	●..	..	..	..
411	206	Scot & New (aa)	385	388	-6	12.2	3.2	19.1
732	478	Vaux Group	725	730	-1	21.6b	3.0	22.2
318	288	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	286	288	●-1	14.7	5.1	10.7
9⅞	354	Do 'B'	9⅞	10	●+⅛	14.7	1.5	35.8
438	296	Whitbread Inv	435	440	●..	12.6	2.9	46.5
430	351	Wolverhampton & D	428	433	-3	8.2	1.9	18.1
530	345	Young 'A'	490	510	●-5	12.5	2.5	29.2

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	185	Abbey	190	200	..	..	..	7.6
400	315	Amec	371	385	●-6	19.3	5.8	9.4
457	331	Anglia Sec	352	367	-1	4.7	1.3	10.4
54	34	Anglo Utd	36	39	..	1.3	3.4	18.2
208	90	Arncliffe	140	155	-3	5.3	3.6	9.3
325	247	Arnolds	288	290	-4	9.3	3.2	16.0
310	214½	BPB Ind (aa)	216	218	-3	12.3	5.7	7.5
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	283	293	-7	5.0	1.7	20.3
107	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	86	90	●-1	2.9	3.3	7.0
216	154	Barratt Devs	155	158	●-1	14.9	9.5	8.3
272	181	Bellway	180	185	●-5	13.3	6.9	5.5
113	83	Bellwinch	90	95	-2	5.0	5.4	7.5
384	180	Berkeley Gp	176	183	-12	4.7	2.6	6.8
122	83	Bett Bros	95	105	-1	5.1	5.1	16.1
400	305	Blockleys	290	330	-20	9.7	3.2	16.6
474	408	Blue Circle (aa)	417	420	-8	21.3	5.1	9.9
398	318	Boot (Henry)	355	370	-5	20.0	5.5	8.6
235	84	Breedon PLC	105	115	s -1	4.6	4.2	28.5
170	110	Br Dredging	119	125	●-1	6.9	5.7	26.8
157	84	Bryant	93	96	-2	5.7	6.0	6.8
168	112	CALA	128	133	-2	3.7	2.8	8.1
144	110	CRH	125	130	+1	..	..	..
155	104	Cakebread Robey	127	132	●..	5.1	3.9	22.9
358	258	Caradon	299	305	-15	12.0	4.0	11.3
140	78	Church Charles	74	78	-7	5.3	7.0	5.7
411	185	Conder Grp	375	390	-5	8.7	2.3	13.1
225	112	Cosson PLC	169	176	-1	4.0	2.3	21.5
338	259	Costain	287	289	-8	14.0	4.9	11.8
317	194	Countryside	190	198	-31	3.0	1.5	9.5
231	155	Crest Nicholson	154	157	-6	8.3	5.3	7.9
126	73	Crosby James	87	92	-10	3.2	3.6	6.4
313	229	Douglas (RM)	270	275	-10	5.7b	2.1	13.6
41	23	Edmond Hldgs	33	34½	-½	1.5	4.4	18.0
117	78	Erith	83	88	-4	4.4	5.1	11.6
309	175	Federated Hsg	208	213	-4	7.7	3.6	7.7
88	75	Finlan Gp	75	78	-1	6.3	8.2	11.0
78	60	Galliford	61	63	-4	4.3	6.9	10.7
270	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	260	270	-5	3.5	1.3	34.6
615	385	Gleeson (MJ)	570	590	●-10	10.9	1.9	13.9
285	188	Harrison Ind	165	175	+2	9.1	5.4	8.0
128	91	Hewden-Stuart	105	107	●-3	2.9	2.7	10.9
320	247	Haywood Williams	244	248	-4	13.3	5.4	9.0
380	281	Higgs & Hill	290	300	-8	13.3	4.5	8.2
90	67	How Gp	70	75	..	3.5	4.8	9.3
63	48	Howard Hldgs	48	49	-2	1.7	3.5	8.0
282	132	Ibstock Johnsen	130	133	-9	6.0	4.5	8.6
183	85½	Jarvis (J) & Sons	147	152	r -1	..	..	..
335	270	Laing (J)	275	280	-5	10.7	3.8	8.2
179	105	Lawrence (Walter)	108	108	●-3	7.3	6.8	6.7
58	38	Lilley (FJC)	48½	49½	●-½	..	..	57.0
260	185	Lovell (YJ)	195	200	-3	8.9	4.5	7.1
182	175	Magnet (aa)	174	176	-11	9.7	5.5	10.4
224	147	Manders	215	218	-1	7.8	3.5	24.2
180	128	Marley	134	136	-5	7.3	5.4	9.8
293	223	Marshalls (Halifax)	223	225	-4	10.0	4.5	11.0
132	79	Maunders (J)	84	88	-5	4.2	4.9	7.1
309	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	293	302	-7	21.5	7.2	8.0
487	339	McCarthy & S	335	343	-4	5.7	1.7	10.2
423	341	Meyer Int	340	342	●-16	14.8	4.3	9.1
240	145	Miller (Stanley)	153	158	-10	2.0	1.3	..
438	322	Mowlem (John)	320	324	●-16	23.7	7.4	8.4
109	67	NSM	66	69	..	..	..	..
18½	10⅝	Newarthill	17½	18½	-½	18.7	1.0	45.2
185	180	Newman Tonks	158	162	-3	10.5	6.6	11.7
184	109	Persimmon	125	130	-5	6.0	4.7	10.3
128	75	Phoenix Timber	75	79	+1	3.5	4.5	9.6
181	115	Pochins	9⅛	10½	●..	25.3	2.5	8.7
194	132	Prowting	130	133	●-11	4.5	3.4	8.1
520	423	RMC Gp (aa)	464	468	●-6	16.1	3.5	11.1
111	73	Raine Ind	75	78	●	-11½	4.0	5.2	9.0
450	365	Redland (aa)	387	388	-11½	17.1	4.4	20.1
285	125	Ruberoid	275	278	..	5.9	2.1	11.2
148	111	Rugby Group	124	126	-5½	6.2	5.0	18.4
312	173	Sharpe & Fisher	270	280	-3	8.4	3.1	11.9
153	113	Smart (J)	127	132	●	7.7	5.9	11.9
352	278	Steetley	317	320	+1	13.3	4.2	12.0
284	266½	Tarmac (aa)	209	210	-3	10.3	4.9	8.2
350	89	Tay Homes	94	99	s +1	3.6	3.7	6.5
535	391	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	350	352	-13	14.7	2.5	21.5
403	283	Tilbury Group	336	346	-4	12.9	3.8	11.1
315	215	Travis Perkins	230	240	..	7.2	3.1	11.2
340	185	Turriff	267	270	●-9	12.1	4.5	12.3
185	111	Vibroplant	152	157	+2	3.6	2.3	11.9
192	135	Ward Group	170	180	..	6.1	3.5	13.9
132	92	Ward Hldgs	88	97	-1	3.2	3.4	5.8
335	261	Watts Blake	315	325	-4	8.6	2.7	15.1
287	202	Westbury	207	211	●-8	9.0	4.3	6.5
282	151	Wiggins	200	205	-12	10.0	4.9	8.6
205	143	Wilson Bowden	183	187	-5	6.5	3.5	10.5
205	142	Wilson (Connolly)	140	143	-5	3.3	2.3	10.8
286	219	Wimpey G (aa)	239	241	-5	10.3	4.3	10.1
129	91	YRM	87	95	..	4.0	4.4	8.8

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
445	63	AC Hldgs	73	78	-2	1.1	1.4	14.8
260	192	Abingworth	243	248	-2	1.7	0.7	..
106	56	Aitken Hume	53	58	-1	3.3	5.9	83.8
87	68	Ass Heritgues	72	78	-1	3.3	4.5	30.3
410	195	Authority Inv	190	200	..	8.0	4.1	10.1
195	132	Berkeley Govett	127	137	-1	..	..	..
303	212	Br Commonwealth (aa)	211	213	●-2	11.3	5.3	9.8
139	85	Burns-Anderson	82	87	-5	5.0	5.9	13.1
22	18¼	Camellia	17½	19½	..	24.0	1.3	39.4
463	260	Candover	455	470	..	12.7	2.7	64.8
190	75	Cardeway	78	88	..	..	..	16.2
606	414	Charles Int	583	588	-6	18.7	3.2	12.9
110	83	Domondo Int	97	100	-2	7.5	7.6	9.8
465	395	Harvey&Thompson	415	425	..	16.0	3.8	14.8
103	84	IFICO	75	80	..	5.3 f	..	..
145	171	Ivory & Sime	125	130	..	7.7	6.0	15.3
175	125	LIT	127	132	-1	10.0	7.7	14.1
217	194	Majedie	204	208	●-1	8.7	4.2	30.8
160	143	Nat Home Loans	103	113	●-2	9.4	8.7	9.8
75	53	Newmarket	58	62	..	..	..	..
200	38	Parrish Plc	45	55	-2	..	..	..
82	75½	Rit Cap Prtnrs	78	80	-1	1.2	1.5	..
165	98	Silvermines Plc	93	103	●..	..	..	..
92	64	Slogar & Fried	63	65	-2	2.0	3.1	21.3
10⅞	915	Sotheby's	970	990	●..	..	..	..
143	105	Templeton Gbrh	113	118	-2	4.3	3.7	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17⅞	11¼	American Express	14⅞	..	-⅛	..	..	..
109	64	Argyle	88	95	-1	4.0	4.3	24.1
118	89	Britannia Arrow	101	104	..	7.3	7.1	7.7
44½	26½	Daily Mail	42	45	-1	94.7	2.2	18.9
214½	182½	Electra	211	212½	-1½	6.4	3.0	42.7
253	215	Frost Gp	220	225	●-2	10.7	4.8	17.6
190	128	GT Management	175	180	●+3	6.7	3.8	8.9
135	118	Goode Durrant	113	118	..	4.4	3.8	7.9
805	623	Henderson Admin	633	653	●..	36.0	5.8	10.4
196	80½	ICH	85	88	●-1	10.0	11.5	7.8
111	84	MAI	82	85	-1	5.7	6.8	8.2
380	280	MAM	352	359	●-1	16.7	4.7	9.1
380	284	M & G	260	267	-2	10.0	3.8	12.7
45	34	Rutland	38	40	..	0.5	1.3	23.5
193	138	Smith New Court	140	150	-7	10.7	7.4	12.5
166	116	Tyndall Hldgs	115	118	-1	7.3	6.2	11.3

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
327	272	AB Food (aa)	294	296	-2	11.5	3.9	9.8
183	132	ASDA Group (aa)	132	133	-2½	5.5	4.2	10.6
82	25	Alpine Group	22	27	-3	..	..	92.8
185	120	Appleone Hldgs	135	145	-3	4.1	2.9	25.3
212	159	Argyll (aa)	163	165	-1	7.5	4.6	12.5
91	35	Ashley Group	57	69	-2	..	..	..
180	151	Assoc Fisheries	163	168	..	6.7	4.0	16.8
220	170	Banks (Sidney C)	165	175	-2	9.3	5.5	7.5
703	543	Barr (AG)	695	710	..	17.3	2.5	12.3
293	195	Bassett Foods	283	288	..	10.6	3.7	14.8
111	80	Batleys	98	103	-2	3.2	3.2	14.5
205	149	Bejam	149	151	-2	7.0	4.7	12.2
416	274	Belsford (S&W) (aa)	385	388	-3	20.7	5.3	10.9
415	348	Booker	362	366	●-1	22.1	6.1	13.0
74	42	Borthwick	45	47	-1	0.7	1.5	..
238	183	Brake Bros	217	222	●-1	3.9	1.8	19.5
153	113	Budgen	113	115	●-1	5.3	4.6	11.3
429	231	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	323	325	-8	11.1	3.4	18.1
257	188	Carrs Milling	210	220	-8	10.0	4.7	10.3
235	176	Clifford Dairies 'A'	227	232	-3	12.1	5.3	11.4
68	55	Cullens	60	65	..	..	..	..
368	272	Dalgety (aa)	284	286	●-4	20.0	7.0	10.8
117	68	Daniels S	68	73	..	4.3	6.1	14.8
82	39	England (J)	40	45	..	..	.. e	..
131	78	Fil Fyffes	113	116	..	..	..	..
148	83½	Fisher (A)	83	84	●-1½	3.0	3.6	12.6
262	244	Flick Lovell	260	263	..	16.0	6.1	12.6
212	144	Gateway Corp (aa)	145	147	+1	11.3	7.7	9.8
298	219	Geest	228	233	●-2	5.8	2.5	18.6
250	209	Hazlewood Foods	212	215	-1	4.0	1.9	16.4
307	232½	Hillsdown (aa)	232	234	●-7½	6.7	2.9	11.3
198	141	Hunter Saphir	138	143	-2	5.4	3.8	12.4
373	285	Iceland Frozen	315	328	..	6.1	1.9	18.4
377	300	Kwik Save	355	358	●-1	10.4	2.9	15.3
120	85	Lees (John J)	105	115	●..	2.7	2.5	17.5
203	123	Lovell (GF)	195	210	..	2.7	1.3	..
690	554	Low (Wm)	685	693	..	22.7	3.3	13.0
98	68½	Matthews (Bernard)	81	83	-1	2.8	3.4	11.5
336	203	Meat Trade Supp	330	345	+5	4.9	1.4	..
288	230	Morrison (W)	228	231	-2	2.7	1.2	13.8
285	230	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	225	235	..	10.8	4.7	12.7
69½	45	Normans	55	57	-½	2.8	5.0	16.0
314	243	Rhm Foods (aa)	275	278	+½	14.0	5.1	11.1
184	121	Nordie & Peacock	174	177	..	6.1	3.5	15.8
247	172	Park Foods	188	178	..	7.1	4.1	12.5
103	66	Parmigan	63	68	r -2	0.3	0.5	..
460	303	RHM (aa)	344	348	●..	14.2	4.1	11.3
250	190	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	189	191	●-1	5.9	3.1	14.7
175	130	Salvesen (Chris)	141	143	-1	5.7	4.0	13.8
869	740	Tate & Lyle (aa)	820	825	..	39.3	4.8	8.5
103	85	Tavener Rutledge	85	90	..	1.7	1.9	11.1
172	127	Tesco (aa)	128	130	..	4.0	3.1	12.5
137	125	Thorntons	124	128	..	2.8	2.2	17.4
345	253	Unigate (aa)	280	281	●+5½	17.3	6.0	11.6
322	248	Utd Biscuits (aa)	268	269	●-6½	15.3	5.7	11.5
230	187	Watson & Philip	185	203	-2	11.1	5.8	14.7

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
403	323	Alexon	322	324	-1	12.7	3.9	10.2
78	21	Amber Day	39½	40½	-½	..	..	42.1
84	61	Aquascutum 'A'	63	67	●..	4.0	6.2	11.9
136	91	Ashley (Laura)	89	92	●-2	3.1	3.4	13.0
385	330	Austin Reed	355	370	..	11.3	3.1	20.2
171	118	Beattie (James) 'A'	153	157	..	5.5	3.5	15.2
202	149	Bentalls	159	162	-3	4.3	2.7	23.9
24½	9	Blacks Leis	9	9½	●-½	0.2	2.2	11.4
643	230	Body Shop	500	510	-5	2.4	0.5	52.7
90	61	Bremner	63	67	..	0.3	0.5	85.5
54	33	Brown & Jackson	38	39½	●..	0.1	0.3	29.3
350	155	Brown (N)	152	162	●-1	6.7	4.3	9.9
284	168½	Burton (aa)	174	176	-2	11.2	6.4	7.0
146	83	Cantors 'A'	95	105	+5	3.0	3.0	9.2
93	60	Casket plc	65	68	-3	4.0	6.0	10.3
478	415	Church	420	440	-5	15.3	3.6	13.4
287	144	Coats Viyella (aa)	145	147	●+½	12.0	8.2	5.0
242	145	Courts Furnishers	165	175	-5	6.4	3.8	16.3
620	400	DAKS Simpson 'A'	585	615	●-5	14.6	2.4	8.5
54	37½	Dewhirst (IJ)	37	38	..	1.3	3.5	8.3
217	135	Dixons Grp (aa)	134	136	-3	5.7	4.2	8.4
235	154	Dunkel	202	207	●-4	4.1	2.0	15.5
97	38	ERA Gp	57	61	●-2	3.3	5.6	8.7
740	665	Elys (Wimbledon)	710	760	●..	16.0	2.2	19.1
282	198	Empire Stores	195	200	-6	7.0	3.5	24.7
286	150	Essen	149	151	●-5	8.2	5.5	7.7
257	200	Fine Art Dev	198	201	-10	9.1	4.5	11.9
345	270	Formminster	315	335	..	10.8	3.3	9.3
76	50	Gent SR	65	67	-1	2.0	3.0	12.1
238	168	Goldberg (A)	195	200	+2	7.5	3.8	17.5
17¼	15½	GUS	15⅞	16½	●-⅛	39.3b	2.4	16.5
11⅝	821	Do 'A' (aa)	917	925	●-15	38.0	4.1	9.4
46	30	Helene Plc	29½	30½	●-1	2.2	7.3	9.6
272	165	Hepp Robinson plc	170	173	●-2	6.3	3.7	14.6
88	57	Hollas	64	66	..	3.9	6.0	11.9
212	145	House Of Lerose	163	173	+3	12.9	7.7	17.0
72	52	Lasky West Gp	57	60	-1	3.7	6.3	10.2
11⅝	10⅛	Liberty	11⅛	11½	..	14.1	1.2	24.1
190	140	Marks Spencer (aa)	140	142	●-2	7.0	5.0	11.6
388	279	Menzies (John)	287	295	●-8	7.6	2.6	8.6
261	196	Moss Bros	225	240	●-10	3.9	1.7	28.4
298	133	Next (aa)	127	129	●-5½	9.9	7.7	6.2
565	340	Oliver (G)	500	550	+10	17.2	3.3	18.0
135	81	Pentos	80	82	-3	1.9	2.3	9.2
266	168	Ratners Group	156	159	r -6	7.2	4.3	7.9
86	65	S & U Stores	63	70	-1	5.3	7.9	6.7
145	105	Sears (aa)	107	109	●-2½	6.3	5.8	11.5
337	220	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	219	221	-11	12.0	5.5	8.9
325	185	Sock Shop	197	207	..	..	..	35.3
150	92	Stead & Simpson 'A'	107	111	-1	6.1	5.6	15.1
280	182	Storehouse (aa)	180	183	-5	11.7	6.4	9.8
192	130	T & S Stores	135	145	..	3.1	2.2	14.7
267	200	Tebbit & Brown	245	255	-5	6.5	2.6	20.8
151	72	Tie Rack	76	82	●-2	1.8	2.3	14.0
245	153	Time Products	178	183	●-2	7.1	3.9	8.9
150	77	Underwoods	141	145	..	3.3	2.3	45.3
181	78	Vivat	79	83	-2	..	..	13.8
341	207	Ward White	207	210	●-12	12.2 e	5.8	6.9
285	184	Wickes	180	188	-4	1.8	1.0	16.6
238	160	Wiging Office	205	215	r ..	5.3	2.5	18.5
307	225	Woolworth (aa)	225	229	-7	12.4	5.5	9.2

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
474	340	AB Elect	371	383	-1	20.0	5.3	8.6
111	70	ABB Kent	88	90	●..	4.0	4.5	22.5
173	87	Acorn Comp	130	135	●..	3.0	2.3	16.6
145	85	Alba	113	118	●..	5.8	5.0	10.7
321	188	Alphamerc	163	173	-4	4.7	2.8	8.1
234½	113	Amstrad (aa)	145	146	-3	1.8	1.3	7.6
128	84	Apricot Computers	100	105	●-2	3.0	2.9	10.0
170	92	Arlen	88	95	-4	4.0b	4.3	7.5
154	77	Audio Fidelity	118	125	-3	2.0	1.6	7.5
283	215½	Auto Sec	250	255	..	3.1	1.2	15.6
65	35	Beacon Gp	38	42	r -2	0.7e	1.8	..
44	27	Bennett & Fountain	26	28	●-1	1.3	4.8	8.9
403	302	BICC (aa)	365	370	●-8	18.3	5.0	16.9
104	56	BSR	55	58	..	3.1	5.4	8.4
217	133	Bick	205	212	..	6.1	2.9	15.2
122	80	Borland	77	82	..	..	..	..
192	145	Bowthorpe	155	160	●-3	4.7b	3.0	12.1
218	152	Britannia Security	150	153	r -3	3.0	2.0	11.1
360	193	Br Telecom (aa)	250	254	-2	13.3	5.3	11.1
27	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	20	22	..	0.3	1.4	12.1
409	312	Cable Wireless (aa)	358	361	-2	9.6	2.7	16.1
262	150	Cambridge Elec	218	222	-4	11.7	5.3	10.9
67	42	Cambridge Instr	46	49	-1	1.1	2.3	15.8
57	47	Calonda	51	53	-1	2.7	5.2	24.2
243	164	Gray Elect	160	167	-2	4.4	2.7	17.1
193	139	Crystalate	140	143	+2	7.8	5.5	5.8
120	60	DDT Group	110	120	●..	1.6	1.4	42.6
120	75	Dale Elec	109	113	..	5.7	5.1	13.3
348	190	Domino	185	195	-8	4.3	2.3	8.5
64	53	Dewhurst & Mills	58	61	..	2.7	4.5	11.7

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
568	438	Assoc Br Ports	440	445	-12	11.3	2.6	13.4
393	320	Caledonia	353	360	..	10.7	3.0	40.8
186	135	Clarkson (H)	155	160	-2	7.3	4.6	15.6
151	71	Fisher (James)	138	143	..	5.1	3.6	21.6
795	140	Graig	150	160	..	5.3	3.4	51.0
88	69	Jacobs (JI)	76	79	-1	5.8	7.2	..
493	283	Mersey Docks	462	467	..	..	..	26.9
300	231	Ocean Transport	247	254	-1	14.3	5.7	9.8
620	501	P & O Dfd (aa)	527	530	-4	31.3	5.9	12.4
152	113	P & O 5.5%	123	128	..	7.3	5.8	..
355	206	Runciman (Walter)	333	338	●..	10.7	3.2	15.9
445	313	Tiphook	423	430	r -6	7.2	1.7	14.0
228	108	Turnbull Scott	215	225	-7	6.0	2.7	16.9

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
95	62	Headlam Sims	58	65	..	1.3	2.1	16.9
270	108	Lambert Howarth	115	125	..	11.3	9.4	4.4
309	145	Pittard Garnar	190	200	●-3	7.9	4.1	10.1
285	208	Strong & Fisher	218	223	..	16.0	7.2	6.8
360	235	Stylo	240	260	-10	6.7	2.7	..

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
380	300	Allied Text	320	325	-10	12.8	4.0	15.4
285	228	Beale (John)	235	245	-3	8.4	3.5	9.1
118	86	Beckman (A)	97	102	●..	7.6	7.6	11.7
71	34	Bolton	50	53	-2	..	..	..
211	180	Br Mohair	195	200	..	10.0	5.1	8.6
88	56	Corah	72	73½	+1	.. e	..	..
395	241½	Courtaulds (aa)	247	248	●+1	15.2	6.1	6.6
246	186	Dawson	196	199	+3	10.7	5.4	10.0
130	97	Drummond	98	101	+1	4.1	4.1	6.2
164	106	Foster (John)	132	137	●..	6.7	5.0	8.7
211	155	Gaskell Broadloom	192	202	..	9.2	4.7	9.7
85	51	Hicking Pentecost	75	78	..	0.7	0.9	17.8
228	128	Ingworth	155	159	-5	6.0	3.8	11.6
279	170	Jerome (S)	210	217	+1	9.5	4.4	8.7
314	207	Lamont	205	209	-5	10.3	5.0	7.9
405	295	Leeds	315	325	-5	10.7	3.3	10.1
142	110	Lister	135	138	..	5.3	3.9	8.9
84	66	Lyles (S)	67	71	●..	4.7	6.8	8.2
349	248	Mackay (Hugh)	247	257	-1	9.3	3.7	11.9
57	34	Munton	32	35	-2	..	..	..
210	163	Parkland 'A'	162	166	●+1	7.9	4.8	8.9
81	62	Readicut	62½	63½	+¼	3.9	6.2	8.7
171	132½	SEET	132	137	..	7.1	5.3	13.8
128	97	Sirdar	101	104	..	6.9	6.7	12.8
130	90	Smallshaw (R)	90	100	●..	4.0	4.2	8.3
75	41	Stoddard	39	43	-1	3.1	7.8	2.4
212	131	Textured Jersey	132	137	..	9.3	6.9	6.1
585	412	Tomkinsons	455	470	●..	14.0	3.0	8.5
123	52	Tootal	110	111	●+8	6.1	5.5	10.0
53	6¼	West Trust	29	32	..	.. f	..	..
250	193	Yorklyde	220	230	●..	11.0	4.9	7.5

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
483	399	BAT (aa)	430	432	+2	24.0	5.6	8.9
150	123	PJ Carroll	118	128	..	..	..	..
466	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	410	412	●-2	14.0	3.4	8.9

Investment Trusts appear on Page 22

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt/Fixed	110.9	117.5●	-0.3	8.50
High Inc Equity	113.7	121.7	-0.9	4.89
W'wide Bond	188.0	196.1●	..	4.95
Amer Growth	141.3	151.1	+1.9	1.54
Asian Pacific	63.16	67.56●+0.23		1.38
Assets/Earns	133.8	143.2●	-0.9	1.72
Capit Res	81.19	81.36	-0.22	4.92
Comm/Energy	83.63	89.77	-0.14	1.35
Euro Capit	72.07	76.67	-0.44	0.98
General	148.7	158.1	-1.2	2.85
Japan	96.64	102.8	..	0.00
UK Gth Inc	112.7	120.8	+0.2	2.21
Do Acc	167.7	178.4	+0.2	1.48
UK Emerg Cos	39.47	42.22	+0.31	0.00
Income/Gth	245.8	262.9●	-2.8	3.81
MastersLAcc	69.79	74.65	-0.13	1.84
Amer Inc	41.32	44.20	+0.12	6.20
Ethical	41.62	44.27	-0.38	2.82
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 Salisbury House 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 6801 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
American	38.14	40.57	+0.31	2.22
Australian	21.93	23.34	-0.10	1.49
Euro	46.96	49.74	+0.41	0.00
Extra Inc	36.80	38.06●	-0.24	5.63
Invest	99.34	105.5	-0.93	2.45
Do Acc	151.4	160.9	-1.4	2.45
Gt/Fxd Interest	21.69	23.07●	+0.03	10.34
Global Inc	34.14	36.32	-0.04	5.31
Inc Growth	62.61	66.50	-0.38	4.58
Jap & Genrl	168.1	178.8	-0.3	0.01
N Am Inc	24.31	25.80	+0.15	4.21
Spec Sits	59.50	63.72	-0.82	1.38
UK Growth	30.20	32.06	-0.21	2.88
World Gth	38.93	41.32●	+0.03	0.55
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366				
High Inc	280.5	298.7	-1.6	5.21
Equity Inc	161.8	172.3	-1.4	4.80
High Yield	165.7	176.4●	-1.5	5.64
Balanced	391.0	416.4●	-4.0	3.74
Am Inc	26.88	28.60	+0.32	4.51
World Ass Val	27.44	29.22	-0.04	0.89
Japan	145.2	155.5c	-0.1	0.01
Sec of Am	171.3	182.4●	+2.6	1.08
Asset Value	313.9	334.3●	-2.2	3.89
O'seas Earn	201.2	214.2●	-3.9	3.27
Recov	94.76	100.9●	-0.99	2.79
UK Spec Sits	247.1	263.1	-1.5	3.37
Smlr Cos	156.6	166.7	-1.9	2.12
Capit	234.7	249.9	-1.9	3.02
Am Spec Sit	58.52	62.32	+0.46	2.06
Intl	90.22	96.08	+0.59	1.08
Growth/Inc	142.6	151.8	-1.5	3.86
Euro Gth	18.26	19.44	-0.03	1.29
Pacific	221.1	235.4c	+0.9	0.28
2nd Smlr Co	170.7	181.7	-1.42	2.27
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capit	75.66	80.70	-0.58	3.51
Euro Gth Inc	65.24	69.59	..	0.96
Extra Inc	90.93	96.99	-0.64	5.11
General	161.7	172.5	-0.9	3.45
Gt/Fxd Income	52.49	54.11●	-0.03	9.71
Inc Trust	389.7	415.7	-2.7	4.29
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Amer EVS	54.93	58.29	+0.18	1.40
Australia	61.10	65.91●	-0.06	0.00
East	75.53	81.45	-0.22	1.10
Equity Inc	64.62	68.57●	-0.63	5.30
Europe	123.0	130.6●	-0.1	0.20
Europ	56.02	57.17		3.10
Growth/Inc	73.33	77.81	-0.38	2.70
Do Acc	115.8	122.9	-0.6	2.70
Global Gth	59.26	62.88●	-0.10	0.00
Jap Spec	146.9	156.7	-0.5	0.00
Jap Sumnea	142.5	152.1	-0.3	0.00
1st Europe	117.3	124.5		1.20
1st Jap	107.5	114.7	-0.3	0.60
1st N Am	42.25	44.83	+0.09	1.00
1st Smlr Cos	85.00	90.19	-0.82	1.40
N Am Spec	39.78	42.21	+0.03	0.60
UK Growth	57.59	61.11	-0.68	2.40
Select Man Fd	45.60	48.39	-0.11	2.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	140.1	150.0	-0.7	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	276.7	300.2	-2.3	0.90
Do Inc	175.0	189.9	-1.6	1.29
High Inc	72.17	77.22	-0.73	5.70
Income	88.27	94.45	-0.88	5.34
Man Portf Inc	81.22	86.91	-1.06	2.84
Do Acc	138.0	147.7	-1.8	2.20
Nth Amer	45.45	48.63c	+1.06	0.35
Orient	101.2	108.2●	+0.2	0.28
Exempt	255.5	269.5●	-1.9	2.78
Recov	60.54	64.78●	-0.69	1.82
German	23.80	25.34●	+0.22	1.60
Intl Recov	24.24	25.94●	+0.10	0.90
Europa	15.75	16.85	-0.07	3.80
Conv Genrl	22.57	24.15●	-0.82	6.88
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Emer Gth Inc	57.32	60.62	-0.92	1.92
Do Acc	57.76	61.28	-0.92	1.92
Fellowship Inc	58.01	61.55	-0.16	1.53
Genrl Inc 4	245.5	259.6●	-3.1	2.79
Do Acc 4	408.4	431.9	-5.1	2.79
Inc Fund 3	134.5	142.7	-1.9	4.23
Do Acc 3	256.9	272.6	-3.5	4.23
Intl Inc 2	101.3	107.1	-0.5	1.65
Do Acc 2	137.3	145.2	-0.5	1.65
Smlr Inc 5	95.24	101.1	+2.09	1.55
Do Acc	103.5	109.8	+2.3	1.55
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7215				
Sht Gt Fxd Int	52.21	52.92		1.37
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	32.47	34.73s	-0.57	2.91
Income	41.74	44.64s	-0.64	4.60
Far East	29.04	30.89s	..	0.20
Nth Amer	25.77	27.53s	+0.05	0.75
Global	42.03	44.71	-0.07	0.77
European	42.52	45.23	+0.29	1.18
Japan	86.55	92.07	-0.02	0.01
Strategic Opp	49.19	52.61	-0.28	1.42
Do Acc	47.44	50.44●	-0.12	5.50
Intl Currency	43.49	45.91	+0.07	5.00
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0066 01-626 6363				
Capit	391.5	417.8	-2.5	3.24
Euro S S	51.02	54.44c	-0.10	2.99
Far East S S	51.29	54.73c	-0.31	0.65
Gold Gen S S	52.08	55.58	-0.26	2.10
Income	334.1	356.5	-5.9	5.44
Intl Sp Sits	48.36	51.81	-0.33	2.82

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 78.2 (day's range 78.2-78.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for December 9

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8455-1.8510	1.8500-1.8510	0.52-0.51pr	1.69-1.66pr
Montrl	2.2017-2.2189	2.2088-2.2118	0.45-0.39pr	0.86-0.77pr
Amstrdm	3.6121-3.6250	3.6121-3.6159	2⅛-2⅛pr	6⅝-6⅛pr
Brussels	66.85-67.45	67.12-67.84	35-30pr	101-91pr
Copnhgn	12.3302-12.3770	12.3469-12.3628	5⅛-4⅝pr	15⅛-14⅝pr
Dublin	1.1947-1.2034	1.1969-1.1979	61-55pr	167-156pr
Frankft	3.2002-3.2123	3.2037-3.2069	2⅛-2pr	6-5⅝pr
Lisbon	264.84-268.76	265.20-268.27	5pr-40ds	8pr-84ds
Madrid	207.66-208.55	207.85-208.52	44-27pr	70-52pr
Milan	2363.84-2373.65	2363.84-2366.97	2pr-1ds	6-2pr
Oslo	11.9011-11.9344	11.8140-11.9315	1⅝-1⅛pr	3⅝-3⅛pr
Paris	10.9342-10.9805	10.9483-10.9598	4⅝-4⅛pr	13⅛-12⅝pr
Stckhlm	11.1157-11.1499	11.1278-11.1430	2⅝-2⅛pr	7⅝-6⅝pr
Tokyo	225.70-226.50	226.07-226.38	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅝-4⅛pr
Vienna	22.50-22.60	22.52-22.55	15⅛-14pr	43⅛-40⅛pr
Zurich	2.6945-2.7032	2.6945-2.6978	1⅝-1⅛pr	5⅝-5⅛pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	28.91-29.07
Australia dollar	2.1279-2.1318
Bahrain dinar	0.6970-0.7010
Brazil cruzado *	1150.0-1156.0
Cyprus pound	0.8450-0.8550
Finland marka	7.56-7.60
Greece drachma	267.25-269.25
Hong Kong dollar	14.421-14.432
India rupee	27.79-27.99
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5165-0.5205
Malaysia ringgit	4.9560-4.9710
Mexico peso	4175-4275
New Zealand dollar	2.8665-2.8728
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.9150-6.9550
Singapore dollar	3.5829-3.5887
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8370-6.9891
S Africa rand (com)	4.3249-4.3329
U A E dirham	6.7850-6.8250

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5450-1.5465	Denmark	6.6740-6.6790	Italy	1278.0-1279.0
Singapore	1.9393-1.9403	W Germany	1.7320-1.7330	Belgium (Com)	36.27-36.32
Malaysia	2.6810-2.6860	Switzerland	1.4583-1.4590	Hong Kong	7.8060-7.8070
Australia	1.1518-1.1531	Netherlands	1.9555-1.9570	Portugal	143.80-144.30
Canada	1.1935-1.1945	France	5.9175-5.9225	Spain	112.30-112.40
Sweden	6.0160-6.0210	Japan	122.30-122.40	Austria	12.17-12.18
Norway	6.4400-6.4450				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 13 Finance Hse 12½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 13 Low 10½ Week fixed: 12%
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 12²³⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 12²¹⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth – 12²¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 12¹⁹⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12¹¹⁄₁₆-²¹⁄₃₂ 2 mth: 12⅝-¹¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 12²³⁄₃₂-12⅝ 6 mth 12⁹⁄₁₆-12½
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13⁵⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 13⅜ 3 mth: 13¹¹⁄₃₂ 6 mth 13³⁄₁₆
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 12¾ close 12%
1 week: 12⅞-12¾ 1 mth: 13-12⅞ 3 mth: 13³⁄₁₆-13⅛
6 mth: 13⅛-13⅞ 9 mth: 13⅛-13⅞ 12 mth: 13³⁄₁₆-13⅛
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 12% 7 day: 12⅝ 1 mth: 12⅞
3 mth: 13⅛ 6 mth: 13% 12 mth: 13
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 12⅞-12 2 mth: 12⅞-12 3 mth: 12½-12⅞
6 mth: 12⅝-12⅞ 9 mth: 12⅝-12⅞ 12 mth: 12⅝-12⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 12⅞-12⅞
3 mth: 13⅛-13⅛ 6 mth: 13⅛-13⅛ 12 mth 12¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 9.40-9.35
3 mth: 9.35-9.30 6 mth: 9.35-9.30 12 mth 9.40-9.35

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £225m allotted: £100m
Bids: £96.855% received: 100%
Last week: £96.895% received: 33%
Avge rate: £12.6075% last wk £12.5993%
Next week: £100m replace £100m

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
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Open: $422.25-422.75 Close: $420.50-421.00
High: $422.50-423.00 Low: $418.75-419.25

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
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American Eagles: $433.00-438.00 (£234.00-237.00)
New Sovereigns: $99.00-100.00 (£53.50-54.25)
Old Sovereigns: $99.00-100.00 (£53.50-54.25)
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Palladium: $127.50 (£69.00)
Silver: $6.15-6.17 (£3.325-3.340)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 16821		
Dec 88	178.00	178.20	175.00	175.60	3385
Mar 89	180.00	180.00	176.80	177.45	1414
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 58704		
Dec 88	86.64	86.67	86.57	86.60	4119
Mar 89	86.92	86.92	86.78	86.79	22518
Jun 89	87.59	87.60	87.52	87.54	1368
Sep 89	88.16	88.19	88.12	88.16	674
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 50242		
Dec 88	90.64	90.65	90.60	90.62	1941
Mar 89	90.80	90.81	90.75	90.78	2981
Jun 89	90.78	90.79	90.74	90.77	412
Sep 89	90.77	90.77	90.72	90.72	149

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 8604		
Dec 88	8915	8918	8910	8917	415
Mar 89	8905	8906	8829	8907	3211
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 32091		
Dec 88	9420	9421	9418	9420	374
Mar 89	9506	9508	9431	9505	16482
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 504		
Mar 89	108.01	108.01	107.84	107.86	340
Jun 89	NT	—	—	—	0
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 9382		
Mar 89	95.74	95.75	95.44	95.63	6459
Jun 89	95.05	95.06	94.86	94.93	55
Sep 89	NT	—	—	—	0

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FAMILY MONEY

Edited by Maria Scott

Fears of more cuts in policy bonuses

Norwich Union kicks off the season for the declaration of bonuses on with-profits life and pension policies next week, amid fears that there will be further reductions in payouts this year.

Bonuses, both the "reversionary" type which are added to policies each year and the terminal type given out at maturity, came under pressure as a result of the crash and some companies announced cuts at the end of last year and the beginning of this.

However, others, including Norwich Union, were able to maintain the level of bonus in percentage terms, although this tended to mean a reduction in the payouts for shorter term policies. Last December Mr Hugh Scurfield, head of Norwich Union's life and pensions operation, said that Black Monday had reduced the value of the company's equity portfolio by about £1.4 billion. Had it not been for the crash, investors would have seen another increase in terminal bonuses.

In February this year, Equitable Life shocked the life insurance industry by announcing reductions in reversionary bonuses for 1987. Because these bonuses are added to policies each year, and once added cannot be taken away, they play an important part in building up the value of the fund.

A cut in reversionary rates tends to be seen as a sign of weakness, although Equitable Life stressed it had taken sensible action. It said that interest rates and returns available from equities could not support bonuses at existing levels. Mr Roy Ransom, joint actuary at Equitable Life, says that he would be surprised if any companies put up bonus rates this year.

Although short-term interest rates have risen recently, rates on longer terms of five years and more are still at roughly same levels as a year ago. So the picture on returns is not greatly changed from what it was this time last year.

He explains that although bonuses may remain flat this does not necessarily mean reduced payouts on longer term policies because these have been swelled for a number of years by generous reversionary bonuses. When terminal bonuses are added to these, total payouts are likely to increase year on year.

But if there was a widespread move to cut reversionary bonuses this would begin eventually to reduce the value of policies when they mature. Mr Charles Pickup, an actuary at The Wyatt Company, says he certainly does not expect to see any increases in bonuses. Companies will still be concerned about the affect of the weak equity markets on overall returns.

"We are in a bearish bonus phase," Mr Pickup says.

The problem is not linked solely to events in the markets. Competition in the life insurance industry is also putting the squeeze on resources available to enhance policyholders' funds.

Earlier this year London Life announced substantial cuts in bonus rates as part of a rationalization programme. In May, it announced its plans to merge with the much larger and stronger Australian Mutual Provident. Mr Pickup believes that more companies are likely to find themselves in the same position as London Life in future.

Mr Alan Richards, an insurance analyst with James Capel, the broker, is also pessimistic about the bonus levels due to be announced soon.

He expects further trimming, although the extent will depend on the make-up of individual companies' portfolios. Mr John Brister, assistant general manager, pensions, at Norwich Union, is not giving anything away about next week's announcement. But he points out that the company still has a large property portfolio, and it was this which helped to offset the fall in value of equities last year and enabled the company to maintain bonuses, rather than cut them.

At the same time Policy Network, the company which operates a market in with-profit endowment policies, has announced that it is starting a study into the reasons people surrender policies early. The study will be conducted with help from the Wyatt Company.

Policy Network wants to look at the reasons for what it says is the high level of surrender of endowment policies in the Britain. The company says that in 1986, more than £3 billion of with-profit endowment policies were surrendered — a 37 per cent increase over the previous year — and, "the trend is to even higher numbers in the future". The company adds the information provided by the survey may help life offices to rethink the way their policies are designed.

Maria Scott

Morgan Grenfell seeks to assure public after job losses

Unit trust investors 'are safe'

By Maria Scott

Morgan Grenfell sought to reassure investors in its newly launched unit trusts about the safety of their investment after this week's news that the bank's securities trading business was being axed.

Some investors contacted the bank but Mr Tony Fraher, managing director of Morgan Grenfell Unit Trust Managers, says: "They have been absolutely reassured.

"I think it is understandable that people would confuse the two sides of the business. But we are completely separate.

"We did not have any contract with Morgan Grenfell Securities and they got little of our business".

Morgan Grenfell Unit Trust Managers is part of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, which handles £15 billion of pension fund money, private client porfolios and the unit trusts.

The company moved into the unit trust market in the spring and, at that time, its launch was the biggest in the market since the crash. Four trusts were launched — UK Equity Income, International, European and American. Recently it fuelled interest in the idea of investing to match leading market indices by launching trusts tracking the indices in the United Kingdom and the United States.

It was announced at the time these funds, called Tracker, were launched that a favourable deal had been struck with a securities dealer to assist with the management of the funds. But Mr Fraher says the dealer was not Morgan Grenfell's own operation.

Morgan Grenfell has promoted its trusts aggressively in a year when many unit trust companies have kept their heads down.

Mr Fraher says the decision to move into the unit trust market was a carefully considered one. He says the company is committed to the market, and the decision to close down the securities dealing side of the bank's operations will free resources for its development.

"A lot of management time and effort was devoted to the securities business," says Mr Fraher. "These resources will now be freed and we see this as a positive thing."

The unit trust market is facing problems not dissimilar to those which faced Morgan Grenfell's securities dealing business. It is full to overflowing with competing companies, yet business since the crash has been meagre.



Good times: Morgan Grenfell's international dealing room

Rumours abound within the industry about companies which are for sale, and most managers are expecting a shake-out.

But Mr Fraher is anxious to dispel any thought that Morgan Grenfell Unit Trust Managers will meet the same fate as the dealing arm of the bank.

The company now has £40 million under management and is adding sales of £5 million a month at present, net of redemptions. "Even this week, with the news about the securities business, we remained a net seller," he says.

The unit trust business is on course to break even next year. "We are likely to be a buyer of other unit trust groups," he adds.

Although the unit trusts are the main branded financial service offered by Morgan Grenfell at present, Mr Fraher predicts new developments next year. The company is working on unit trust mortgages, where borrowers would set up a portfolio of unit trusts to repay a mortgage as an alternative to a with-profit or unit-linked endowment policy.



Fraher: committed to market

Hopes fade for Clowes pre-Christmas payout

Fresh facts delay the start of High Court hearing

The possibility that investors in Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, the United Kingdom arm of the failed Barlow Clowes gilt management group, would receive a substantial refund on their investment before Christmas is looking increasingly unlikely.

Liquidators for BCGM are expected to go to the High Court next week for approval to distribute some of the funds already recovered from the company.

The hearing was originally set for this Monday, but Mr Antony Gold, of solicitors Alexander Tatham, which is representing a large number of Barlow Clowes investors, said yesterday that the hearing was now expected to take place on Tuesday.

There was speculation this week that the liquidators would apply to distribute an amount equal to a quarter of what investors put into BCGM.

This was in contrast to indications from the liquidators in the summer that there would be substantial refunds available before Christmas.

But Mr Gold was reluctant to put a figure on the payment that will result from the court hearing.

It is understood that there are difficulties over the entitlements of investors in the 10 funds which operated with BCGM. Mr Gold said that new information on the situation within BCGM had been emerging daily during the course of this week.

He said he had been presented with fresh facts by the liquidators on Thursday evening, and these had to be considered before the court hearing could begin.



Gold: solicitor for investors

He added that there was also continued uncertainty over the claim on BCGM funds by the Gibraltar-based company, Barlow Clowes International.

"The position appears to be even more complicated than was originally thought," Mr Gold said.

Captain Don Beadle, the South-eastern regional organizer for the Barlow Clowes Investors Group, said yesterday that he thought investors were prepared to be patient over the level of payment available before Christmas. "We have sympathy with the job the liquidators are doing, he said.

"I think people will be grateful for getting something back, although I think they were hoping to get 75 per cent from BCGM before Christmas."

Captain Beadle pointed out that the 7,000 who put their money into BCGM are still in a better position than the 11,000 who invested in Barlow Clowes International.

No clear indication has yet been given of when they can expect a refund, he said, and it is likely that they will eventually receive a much smaller proportion of their money than the BCGM investors could expect.

Meanwhile, Ernst & Whinney, one of the joint liquidators, is expecting to apply to the court in Gibraltar to have proceedings connected with Barlow Clowes International to be heard in London.

These latest developments coincided with the laying of fresh charges against Peter Clowes, the head of Barlow Clowes International.

Mr Clowes, already on bail and accused of perverting the course of justice, was charged on Thursday with 16 new offences, 13 of theft, two of conspiracy to steal and one of false accounting.

Charges were also laid this week against three of Mr Clowes associates, Mr Peter Naylor, Mr Guy von Cramer and Mr Christopher Newman.

M.S.

'Some jobless commute to the City, pretending to go to work'

This week's events at Morgan Grenfell confirm that the City is set to be the next scene for large-scale job losses, overtaking the old industrial centres as a redundancy black spot (Maria Scott writes).

Although sizeable compensation payments will probably be offered — the average payment at Morgan Grenfell may be around £22,000 — this does not make the financial pain of job loss any less stinging, especially if there is no immediate prospect of remployment.

Mr David Evans, senior London organizer with the Banking Insurance and Finance Union says many of the people made redundant from City jobs in the past 12 months have not been re-employed in the same field, and some are living on unemployment benefit.

In the case of City workers, the loss of employment can be particularly harrowing since the "golden hello" packages designed to lure staff when times were good frequently included mortgage subsidies or cheap rates of interest.

Frequently employers will allow a period of grace, say six months, in which the sacked employee can continue to receive this assistance towards the cost of keeping a roof over his head.

But Mr Evans says these special mortgage schemes can be a double-edged sword for City workers facing redundancy. "Because of the low rates many of them have borrowed four to five times their income, thinking they would have a job for life.

He fears that some of those in this position will be forced to sell their homes, especially if the mortgages are relatively new, because in many cases redundancy payments will not be large enough to make a reasonable dent in the loan and to provide a life-line until new jobs are found.

It is natural to assume that people made redundant from jobs in the City will be financially astute enough to be able to handle their own problems and to be able to face job loss more easily than someone with little financial awareness.

But Mr Evans says the shock is no less devastating, and he knows redundant financial workers who have been afraid to tell their families and commute to and from the City, pretending to go to work.

Mrs Hazel Montague, group marketing director at independent advisers Berry Birch & Noble — which has been involved with redundancy counselling for a number of large companies, including BP — says she would not expect ex-City employees to be very much better equipped to cope with the loss of income than anyone else.

Her firm's advice to ex-bankers and securities dealers would be the same as to clients from industrial companies, she says.

If there is no immediate prospect of re-employment, one of the first priorities is to look at mortgage commitments to see whether they can be reduced. Older employees might considering remortgaging to get an interest-only loan. Others might attempt to extend the life of the loan to reduce payments.

"People should not be panicked into selling their homes. Rescheduling the debt may be an alternative," Mrs Montague says.

"But the mortgage should not be reduced below £30,000 so that you are losing tax relief."

If there is an immediate worry about being able to meet financial commitments the borrower should contact all lenders he or she owes money to. "People who have been on high salaries might have large credit card debts," Mrs Montague adds.

INCOME BONDS

NOTICE OF NEW RATE

Beginning on 22 January 1989 the rate of interest payable on Income Bonds will go up from 10.75% p.a. to 11.5% p.a.

DEPOSIT BONDS

The same change will apply to Deposit Bonds which were withdrawn from sale on 19 November 1988.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

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CA adds to debate over commissions

The Securities and Investments Board must ensure that independent intermediaries make a clear statement of commission they are earning on a policy at the time of the sale, the Consumers Association says.

The SIB is due to publish its proposals on the way commission and expenses should be declared by intermediaries next Wednesday, and life companies and their independent agents are uneasy about the possible effects.

Miss Jane Vass, head of the Which? Money Group at the CA has added her voice to calls for full and clear disclosure, so that consumers can see clearly what proportion of their contributions to a life or pension policy are being swallowed up by commission.

"What's important is that disclosure should be clear, specific and at the point of sale," she says.

But she is also in favour of company representatives as well as tied agents having to disclose their costs.

This approach would be welcomed by independent intermediaries who fear that a requirement for them to declare their commission — while tied agents or company representatives are not required to do so — would put them at a disadvantage.

The conflict between independent advisers and tied agents has been sharpened by the Financial Services Act, which forced the sellers of life and pension products to choose which camp they would join. Independents must choose products for clients from the whole range available on the market, while tied agents sell products of just one company.

All the four high street banks except National Westminster are tied agents and a number of building societies have taken this option.

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Making tracks for controversy

British Rail's Channel Tunnel rail link is running into a storm of protest. **Maggie Drummond** reports on the vexed question of compensation

Once upon a time, Mr David Wood lived in a tranquil hillside mansion near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, surrounded by more than 60 acres of pasture, oak trees, and a fishing lake.

Now the lake is full of mud, most of the oaks are gone, and the tranquillity has been ruined by a bypass built just behind the house.

Mr Wood received what he admits was substantial financial compensation for "injurious affection", the loss of market value owing to the bypass. But only after a tough battle.

He opted to live in the house during the week, to be near his business, and invested the cash in a quiet weekend retreat. Three years ago he bought a farmhouse, land and a crumbling old oasthouse some eight miles away in a hamlet called Fowle Hall. He restored the farmhouse and spent more than £100,000 converting the oasthouse for resale.

But last July Mr Wood was told by a neighbour that his new home was on Route Three of British Rail's proposed high-speed rail link connecting London with the Channel Tunnel. He has since discovered that Route Three will pass through his field, right next to the oasthouse.

Now, for the second time, he is anxious to discover what this will mean. But he has had no satisfactory answers.

Obtaining financial satisfaction for the bypass took years of letter writing and arguing.

"I was lucky to be in the position to fight the case," he says, pointing to several thick files on his desk. "Even when there are guidelines laid down it is bad enough. The scandal with the rail link is that we don't have any guidelines."

The fact of the matter is that there are no statutory rights to compensation for those in or near the path of the high-speed railway development.

Right now thousands of owner occupiers on all four possible routes that British Rail have drawn through Kent are feeling as helpless and furious about it as Mr Wood is.

Last month, British Rail made an ex-gratia compulsory purchase offer to people who could prove they needed to move for reasons unconnected with the railway.



Awaiting the worst: David Wood and his oasthouse in Fowle Hall, Kent, which is threatened by BR's high-speed rail link

Miss Ann Widdecombe, Conservative member of Parliament for Maidstone, is pressing the Government to spell out now what kind of compensation package will be offered to the thousands of home-owners not covered by BR's offer who will be seriously affected when the preferred route is decided next February.

"The situation is absolutely dreadful," Miss Widdecombe says. "Before the preferred route is chosen British Rail must have a compensation package to offer people between then and the time Royal Assent is given to the Bill to build the high-speed rail link. That could be two years, and British Rail is not legally obliged to do anything.

"No one on the route will be able to sell their home. The guidelines on motorways as regards things like noise are quite inadequate. Injurious affection — the damage to market value of houses which do not qualify for compulsory purchase — is a grey area in law, but it will be highly relevant to people near the route of the high speed train."

What happens in Kent could have national implications. The planned 80-mile track to the coast may be the forerunner of other lines connected to major centres of industry north of London to Europe.

This is one reason why the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors is backing a committee of members led by Mr Donald Troup, a Kent estate agent, to work out appropriate compensation measures. "One major flaw in the Land Compensation Act, 1973, is that visual intrusion is not among the physical features giving rise to compensation," he says.

That is particularly relevant to the proposed Route Three which, because of the flat and easily flooded lands in the Weald of Kent would have to be built on embankments and bridges rising as high as 80 feet above the surrounding countryside.

Then there is the question of noise, which BR have admitted will reach the pain level of 96 decibels, 80 feet from the track. BR has talked about offering grants for double glazing but, as Mr Troup points out, the nature of the noise you get from a high-speed train is quite different from a motorway, and new compensation measures must be drawn up.

"People are very alarmed," says Mr Troup. "It cannot be right that they have to wait two years to find out what's going to happen to them and their homes."

Addressing problems in granting credit

The Data Protection Registrar is considering a submission by lenders and credit reference agencies on the way information concerning peoples' addresses is used to make decisions on whether to grant loans or offer credit.

Earlier this year Mr Eric Howe, the Registrar, warned lenders that he would consider action under the Data Protection Act unless the industry could give a satisfactory explanation of the way it was using information about an individual's address to make decisions on credit.

Mr Howe expressed concern about complaints from people who had been refused credit because of the actions of previous occupants of the same address. In some cases these people had lived in the house years before the person applying for a loan.

> **"We believe that what we have suggested strikes a balance between the need to protect privacy and to lend responsibly"**

Following Mr Howe's ultimatum, members of the industry banded together to form the Industry Forum on Data Protection.

The group includes the credit reference agencies and trade organizations representing big lenders, including the Building Societies Association and the Finance Houses Association.

The group agreed to make a submission to the Registrar by the beginning of this month.

Mr Keith Fowler, chairman of the Forum and head of business planning and development at UDT, the finance house subsidiary of the TSB banking group, would not be drawn on what defence the lenders and credit reference agencies put up.

"We believe that what we have suggested strikes a balance between the need to protect privacy and to lend responsibly," he said.

Mr Fowler agreed that the current system could be unfair, as it draws on information which is irrelevant to the individual under consideration.

But it is likely that the members of the group have argued for maintenance of at least some aspects of their current practice of looking at the history of an address through computer records when considering an application for credit.

Some lenders are known to feel strongly that information on other members of an applicant's family is relevant when considering whether the applicant can handle a new commitment.

Mr Fowler said: "If we were to say that the lender should never get any information other than that on the individual, the consequences could be disastrous."

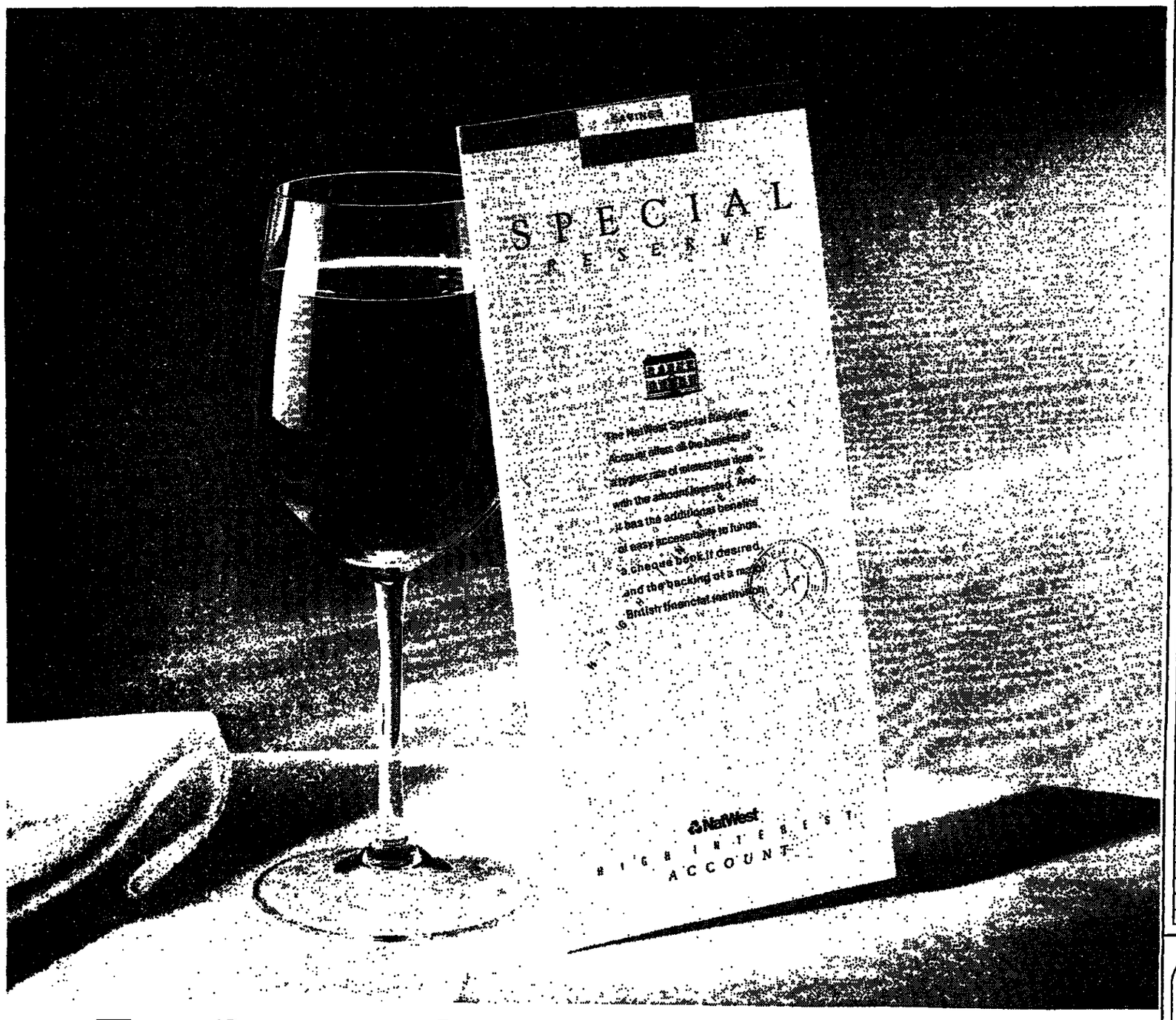
He argued that while it is practical to obtain information on an individual by calling up data on his or her address, it would be impossible to operate the same system for individuals unless everyone had a personal identification number.

Maria Scott

Portfolio PLUS *Accumulator*

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 21).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+7	+2	+2	+2	+2		
2	+3	+3	+5	+5	+7		
3	+2	+6	+6	+4	+1		
4	+4	+4	+3	+7	+3		
5	+6	+3	+3	+4	+1		
6	+3	+4	+3	+8	+2		
7	+4	+2	+4	+4	+4		
8	+1	+5	+5	+5	+1		
9	+3	+2	+4	+4	+6		
10	+6	+2	+2	+2	+1		
11	+2	+7	+5	+3	+2		
12	+8	+2	+1	+2	+1		
13	+5	+3	+2	+6	+3		
14	+3	+5	+5	+4	+1		
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23	+2	+3	+4	+5	+5		
24	+8	+3	+2	+3	+1		
25	+4	+5	+4	+5	+2		
26	+2	+5	+5	+3	+2		
27	+6	+1	+2	+1	+1		
28	+4	+2	+3	+6	+7		
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32	+3	+5	+5	+3	+2		
33	+4	+4	+3	+6	+1		
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35	+2	+3	+3	+4	+6		
36	+1	+5	+5	+5	+1		
37	+3	+3	+3	+5	+2		
38	+2	+1	+4	+4	+3		
39	+7	+2	+2	+2	+2		
40	+5	+5	+4	+8	+2		
41	+5	+1	+1	+1	+1		
42	+2	+2	+4	+5	+5		
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FAMILY MONEY

Maria Scott tracks down the best returns on savings

Ten per cent, and rising

Savings rates continued to edge upwards this week, following the latest increase in the base rate. The big building societies and banks have not yet announced a general round of rises but a number have made adjustments to certain accounts or launched special offers.

Happily for savers, the best rates to be had in the market are edging towards 10 per cent, net of basic rate tax, and some accounts have even hit that level. Lloyds Bank has added 0.6 per cent to all four tiers of its investment account, taking the rate on deposits of £50,000 and more to 10 per cent. The lowest rate on the account, which requires 90 days' notice for withdrawals, is now 8.8 per cent.

The bank is also offering 10 per cent to anyone putting £20,000 or more into its Gemini Bond during December. The rate is guaranteed for five years.

Guaranteed Income Bonds are continuing to look attractive. A new offering from independent adviser RJ Temple pays 10.75 per cent on investments of £75,000 or more.

For £25,000 to £74,999 the rate is 10.5 per cent, and 10 per cent on £10,000 to £24,999. The bond is underwritten by Liberty Life Assurance. The Scarborough Building Society is raising the interest on all its investment accounts by 0.6 per cent, and claims to be the first society to have introduced this across-the-board rise.

Scarborough now pays 9.75 per cent net on £10,000 or more in its Scarborough Solid Gold Capital Bonds, a 60-day notice account. Sums of £250 or more in the Retirement Bond earn 8.75 per cent.

The increase may seem modest compared with the full 1 per cent which went on to the base rate two weeks ago, but it will be applied to accounts from next Friday, December 16. A spokeswoman for the society said: "We wanted to give investors some benefit from the rise in interest rates now," and added that there will be more to come if the base rate goes up again.

You do not have to resort to long notice periods to enjoy good returns

National & Provincial Building Society is increasing interest on balances of £10,000 or more in its 90-day notice and monthly income accounts. The 90-day deposit account now pays 9.25 per cent on £10,000 to £24,999, up from 9 per cent. Deposits of £25,000 or more now receive 9.5 per cent, up from 9.35 per cent. On the monthly income accounts, amounts of between £10,000 and £24,999 now receive 8.85 per cent, up from 8.75 per cent. There are no changes on the other tiers.

Britannia Building Society has launched a two-year term share account. It will pay 9.75 per cent for a minimum investment of £5,000. The society guarantees that the rate will remain 3.5 per cent above its basic rate for the two year term. This is designed as a long-term hold and there is a 90-day loss of interest on withdrawals.

But you do not have to resort to long notice periods to enjoy good returns. The Co-operative Bank this week raised returns on its Top Tier instant access deposit account.

This now pays from 7.5 per cent on balances between £1,000 and £4,999, and 9 per cent on £10,000.

The Royal Bank of Scotland has rejigged its Premium account, a high interest cheque account. It now has four tiers of interest and the top rate, on £50,000 plus, is 9.13 per cent.

National Westminster Bank has raised rates on some of its savings accounts, including the popular Special Reserve high-interest cheque account. The top rate on that is now 9 per cent, up from 8 per cent, on £10,000 plus.

Rich pickings for your portfolio

Port sales have become one of the most buoyant sectors of the auction market since sales resumed in September, and this week's auctions in Glasgow and London confirmed the trend.

The price of vintage port — the leading investment wine in the port market — took one of its periodic sharp upturns this autumn.

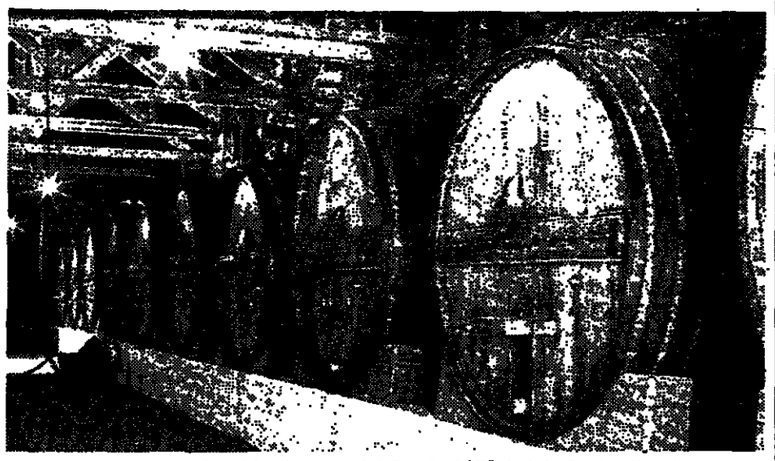
Port exports reached record levels in 1987, for the third year in succession. The United Kingdom imported 15,261 pipes last year, which was 11.9 per cent of world sales.

Stocks of mature vintages are relatively low. Competition, particularly from restaurateurs, has boosted the popularity of the mature 1960s, outstanding 1963s and rich 1966s, and there has been a 15 per cent rise in two long-time undervalued years: 1970 and 1977.

Demand for top quality vintage port, coupled with a growth in the wood-aged Ruby, Tawny and Late Bottled styles, has led to the planting of new sites in the Port region of Alto Douro in Portugal.

Crusted port, which like vintage is bottle-aged, takes its name from the deposit which forms in the bottle. It is usually cheaper than vintage and is frequently undervalued.

At the moment, Martinez, a blend of 1982-1984 wines, bottled in 1986, is on offer. According to Mr Teddy Davis, managing director of Reid Pye and Campbell, the agents, it is ready for drinking within three to four years and "improves immeasurably after this".



Aged in the wood: a cellar-full of vats containing the 1978 Quinta do Bomfim vintage port

The shippers of vintage port tend to declare years of vintage quality three times a decade. There are two forms: either the wine of a House or that from a single *quinta* (estate) belonging to a House.

Of the leading vintage ports, the 1985 was fine and is promising. Harvey's of Bristol offers several, from £144.54 to £169.54 per dozen bottles, excluding Vat.

The 1983 is a small but very good vintage. Christies sold Graham and Ware 1983 for only £100-£105 per dozen bottles at its Bath Street, Glasgow, sale on Monday.

For concentration and a style which will last until the next century, buy the 1982 ports. Bibendum (113 Regents Park Road, London, NW1 8UR) offers three: Churchill, Quinta do Noval and Sandeman at £103.50 to £118.50 per dozen, excluding Vat.

The 1980s are already developing well and are likely to be ready before the 1977s. A good selection, of which Fonseca and Graham are personal favourites, is listed by Justerini and Brooks (61 St James's Street, London, SW1 A 1LZ).

The 1977 vintage is a must for those building a port portfolio. Mr John Thorogood of Lay and Wheeler, Colchester, Essex, says the 1977s are "certainly the finest since 1963, and possible even as great as 1945 or 1927". His company offers five. At Phillips's sale in Oxford late last month the Croft 1977s made £170, the Taylor, £230.

Lighter ports are well represented by the 1975s. Christies will be presenting a a good selection at its sale next Thursday in King Street, London.

Of older vintages, few merchants stock the full-bodied 1970, which is surely undervalued. Laytons (20 Midland Road, London, NW1 2AD) offers four, while Sotheby's auctioned six different Houses on Wednesday.

The 1966 is overshadowed by the 1963 vintage and can still be found. Thomas Peatling of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, offers both Croft and Quinta do Novel at £41.08 and £40.48 per bottle respectively.

Conal Gregory

Scottish Widows cuts term cost

■ Scottish Widows, the life insurer, has cut the cost of term assurance — which pays a lump sum if the policyholder dies within a *stipulated time — for young* women, as a result of a review of the way claims will be affected by Aids.

The cuts, which are typically of 19 per cent, go mainly to women aged under 40.

There are, however, some increases in the premiums for older women.

Scottish Widows' adjustment to the cost of life assurance for women follows an increase in rates for younger men.

Previously, women's rates moved in line with that for men, but the company says this is no longer appropriate.

BRIEFINGS

Spending more

■ Britons plan to make Christmas 1988 an even bigger spending spree than in previous years, according to *an American Express* survey. Nearly 50 per centplan to spend more this year with only 13 per cent planning to spend less. In Scotland, 17 per cent plan to spend "a lot more", against the national average of 8 per cent.

But Christmas need not necessarily give the Chancellor indigestion over the possible effects on the credit boom. When it comes to footing the bill, American Express says *Britain's* shoppers are steering clear of extended credit. Only 12 per cent of those surveyed will be using credit or charge cards to pay for Christmas.



GAM plans trusts

■ Global Asset Management is launching two *new unit trusts. One is an income trust and the other a* European fund, aimed at 1992. The high income unit trust, which aims for a 6 per cent yield, is being launched at 100p per unit. The charges are 5 per cent initially and 1 per cent a year. The sterling European unit trust starts at 100p a unit and 5 per cent charge with a 1.5 per cent annual charge.

Shaw peps up

■ Shaw & Co, a stockbroker specializing in private clients, has announced it will be marketing its two Personal Equity Plans more widely. Until now, they have been available only to the firm's established clients.

Pensions turn-off

■ Many people are still unmoved by advice from the Government and pension companies about changes in the system for pension provision, according to a poll by Mori for the Abbey National Building Society. Fifty five per cent of those questioned claimed not to have reviewed their pension arrangements recently. Almost 90 per cent of those with no private pension had not recently thought about signing up for a scheme.

Charcol hedges

■ John Charcol, the mortgage broker, has introduced a hedging facility to increase safeguards on its foreign currency mortgages. at The hedging facility offers borrowers a 12-month option to buy pounds if sterling depreciates against the mortgage currency. Borrowers must be earning at least £35,000 a year and the minimum loan is £80,000.

Free valuations

■ Leamington Spa Building Society now has assets of £1 billion and is celebrating by offering free valuations for all new mortgages. The offer is open until the end of March, 1989.

Cute kittens

■ Cheshire Building Society has launched a children's savings account, called Kitten Club, with Ladybird Books. It has *tiered rates of interest, a* minimum deposit of £5 and a free book for each new saver.

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1974	1,675	1,998	1,521
1975	1,975	2,456	3,016
1976	2,275	2,943	3,394
1977	2,575	3,464	7,835
1978	2,875	4,002	10,080
1979	3,175	4,661	12,394
1980	3,475	5,473	14,538
1981	3,775	6,302	17,307
1982	4,075	7,184	16,747
1983	4,375	8,027	24,184
1984	4,675	8,973	32,233
1985	4,975	10,085	40,964
1986	5,275	11,194	61,064
1987	5,575	12,374	76,517
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Notes: All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (Source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics).
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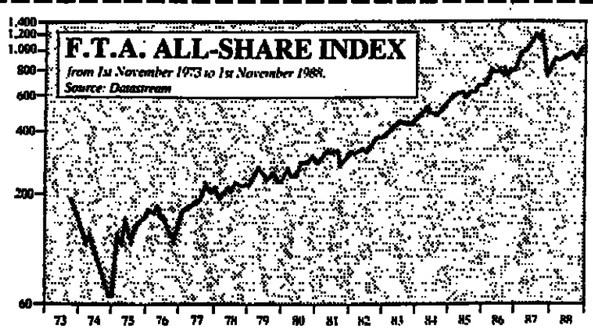
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Enterprise taxing for the unwary

Adopting the enterprise ethic can leave you out of pocket unless you know your rights, as Miss Eva Coomber, a supply teacher who worked part-time sculpting ornamental figurines, discovered.

Miss Coomber is battling with the Inland Revenue over a bill for tax on her part-time earnings which, she says, is £350 bigger than it ought to be.

She fell foul of the system for taxing the self-employed which, if operated properly, can be advantageous to the taxpayer. In the hands of the unwary, however, it can inflict painful injuries.

Under this system, the self-employed are taxed, not on actual earnings in a year, but on earnings of their previous year. In the first three years, however, they can elect to be taxed on actual earnings, if this is likely to be to their advantage. However, if their earnings are rising, it is better not to do so.

But, by default it seems, Miss Coomber was taxed on actual earnings for the first three years in which she supplemented her teaching income with her sculpture work. Then, after the third year – in line with standard practice – the Inland Revenue automatically started taxing her on preceding years.

But Miss Coomber's earnings began to decline after the third year, with the result that, for the 1986-87 tax year, when she earned £2,130, she paid £720.50 in tax, the equivalent of 34 per cent tax. The bill was based on her 1985-86 earnings of £2,882.

In the 1987-88 tax year, she earned £1,455, but paid £532.50 in tax, an amount based on earnings in the previous year of £2,130. Miss Coomber calculates that she has paid a total of £350 more than she should have.

A Revenue officer said there appeared to have been a mistake, and that Miss Coomber should explain the situation to her inspector.

Maria Scott

Enjoying the grandeur of life to the manor bought

If you secretly covet a title, but find the way barred by inconveniences such as waiting for conferment, prepare to present yourself at the ornate Painters Hall in the City of London on Thursday. And, if you want to buy, you should come armed with at least £7,000.

That is the expected minimum price for instant ennoblement, when 40 manorial lordships are auctioned by Strutt & Parker, in conjunction with Manorial Research, the specialist property advisers. Most of the titles are being put on sale by aristocratic owners throughout England, Wales and Southern Ireland who no long need, or use, them.

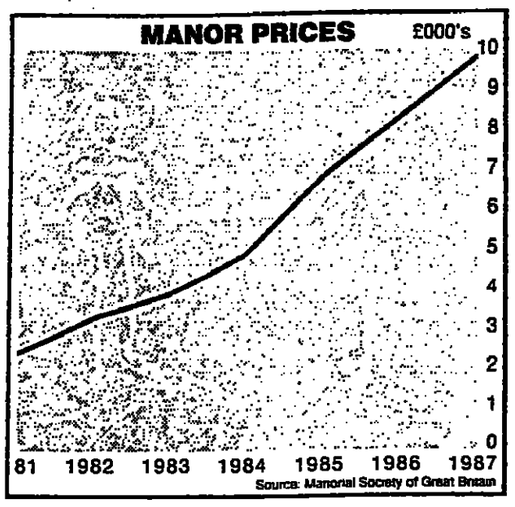
Among the sellers are the Duke of Newcastle, a covey of earls – including the Thegn of Cawdor, the 24th since the reign of the much-maligned King Macbeth in the 1050s – and a harmony of hereditary lords.

The Duke is selling Normanton, Nottinghamshire, whose previous owners may have included Lady Godiva. Cawdor is disposing of several Dyfed holdings, Carnwyllon and Felindre Sawdde among them.

Lord Sackville is selling Milcote, once owned by an alleged murderer who died on the rack in 1589. This Warwickshire lordship embraces land close to Stratford-upon-Avon, whose manorial title last year fetched a record £87,000 – almost double the sum expected, and a sure sign of the rising investment value of documentary assets.

The Borders lordship of Brampton, which has belonged to the Earls of Carlisle since 1100, is also coming to market.

Strutt & Parker expect the greatest interest to be generated by Orpington, which has links with the Churchills and includes Tudor charter rights to hold a market and



fair; Hanworth, whose land adjoins Kempton Racecourse; and picturesque Finchingfield, Essex. Among other English offerings are Stourton Caundle, Dorset, owned by the Hoare banking family since 1727; Bramley, Surrey; and the usual choice of East Anglian lordships.

These latter include Baconsthorpe Waters, Norfolk, which, although possessing a name resembling that of a country castle in a PG Wodehouse novel, is real enough – and happens to be owned by his surviving relative, the Earl of Kimberley. In the Republic of Ireland, Viscount Gormanston is selling Herbardeston, near Dublin, while Lord De Freyne is offering Leitrim – with shooting rights – and, also in County Roscommon, the Feudal Barony of Castlereah.



The De Freyne family crest

Feudal Baronies are not numerous and always attract special interest, notably from roots-hungry Americans: that of Naas netted a record £33,000 last year.

Mr Ray Knappett, the auctioneer, is not, however, necessarily expecting a jumboload of US buyers. "Whereas we were selling quite a lot overseas, I'm rather pleased to say we are selling more and more to residents in this country," he said. "The proportion of overseas buyers is now about 10 per cent, whereas two years ago it was about 25 per cent." The strength of the pound against the dollar has deterred Americans. Another reason is the difficulty of supplying "proper information" to our transatlantic cousins. "They find it difficult to comprehend anything dating back to Domesday and before," says Mr Knappett, who nonetheless thinks that the 800 or so lordships sold annually represent the up of an untapped market.

The growth of indigenous interest is traceable to several sources, from enduring snobbery to "green" concern over exploitation. Although the Lord Chancellor's rules prohibit the export of manorial documents – court rolls, terriers (estate inventories), surveys and letters patent – loopholes in the 1965 Commons Registration Act make it possible to deregister manorial-linked common land for housing development, intensive farming or afforestation.

Ownership changes that threaten public rights over Britain's 1½ million acres of commons are opposed by the Open Spaces Society, the UK's oldest conservation body, which says the Government has accepted the need for new legislation.

Besides entitlement to call yourself Lord or Lady of the Manor, what does a lordship entail?

You do not receive any property with the title, but there are still various privileges.

These include sporting rights over commons, greens and wastes, plus rights to collect firewood, cut peat, fish the rivers, extract minerals, and own foreshore, toll, market and other franchises.

A previous owner's coat of arms is not transferable; if you need one, the College of Arms in London will provide the necessary advice.

As an investment, a lordship has risen from values of £250-£500 just 20 years ago to an average of £11,600 today.

Income tax has to be paid on derivative earnings (from market or toll charges, for example), and although sales are liable to Capital Gains Tax, they are Vat-exempt.

Nicholas Cole

LETTERS

Pensions discrimination

From Dr Sue Berry

Sir, May I suggest that the women who are being induced to return to work by the Government take a good hard look at their pension packages.

I have been contributing to the teachers' pension fund at the full rate since I began work 20 years ago. I have just received a scrappy notice from the Department of Education and Science, informing me that although I have contributed to the fund at the same rate as a man, I am not entitled to have a widower's pension for all those years of contributions, although a man gets a widow's pension in his package automatically.

A woman now receives a widowers pension from April 1 1988, but has to pay *extra* to obtain any backdating. Thus a woman's reward for full-time long service includes an anachronistic and discriminatory pension scheme.

Yours wistfully,
SUE BERRY
14 Hartington Villas
Hove, East Sussex

Losing by working

From Miss Barbara H. Smith

I am 60 and draw the State pension. I work part time and earn about £70 a week.

However, occasionally no work is available and I take holidays and may sometimes be sick. It appears I cannot recoup the £70 a week I thus lose by doing extra days in other weeks, since once I earn between £75 and £80 a week I have 50p in the £1 deducted from my pension. If I earn more than £80, I lose £1 in the £1, excluding certain minor expenses.

I have twice spoken to the DHSS, asking if my earnings could be treated on an annual or even a monthly basis, but they stick to the £75 pw ruling. Is there anything I can do?
BARBARA H. SMITH,
81 Shepherds Hill,
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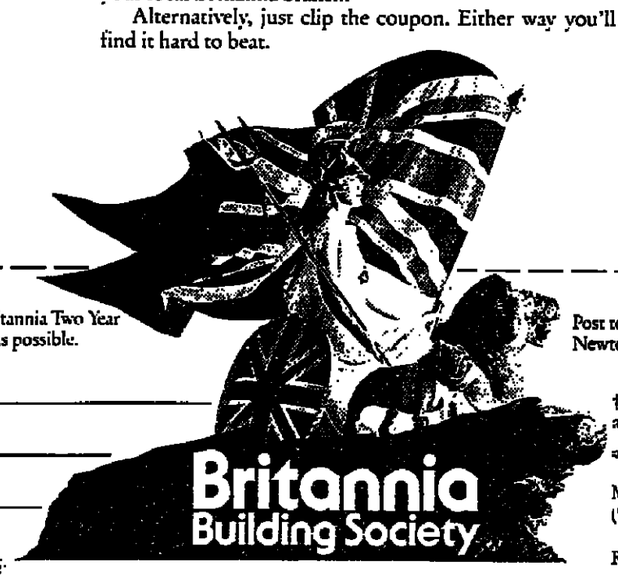
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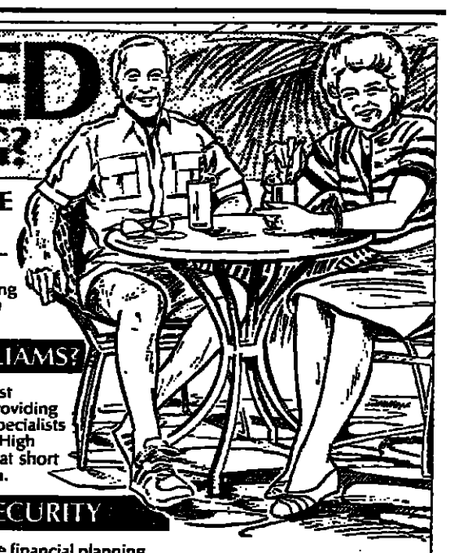
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Travails in antiques land

When are antiques merely old junk? **Conal Gregory** suggests ways of ensuring you buy what you pay for

A court case last month highlighted the importance of obtaining the right opinion on the authenticity and value of art and antiques.

Many collectors will now want to consider their present stock, and ask themselves what better protection they can get when making investments in the future.

The case involved mistaken identification of two oil paintings. They were valued by a Surrey auction room at "£30 to £50 the pair" and catalogued as being of the English School. They sold for £840 in October 1985, but were then resold for £88,000 at Sotheby's just five months later.

Among the many questions raised by the judgement, which saw the aggrieved owner being awarded damages of £76,000, was whether one should rely on an auctioneer for an expert view.

There are several ways to obtain a reasonable identification of an antique or other object of fine art. Probably the most appropriate route is to take up a new service offered by the British Antique Dealers' Association. Founded in 1918, Bada has an international reputation for the expertise of its members. The Bada Assessment Service is relatively new. It was started after calls from the public for help in identifying unusual objects. Members of Bada itself were also concerned over mistakes in auction catalogues.

Mr Christopher Clarke, a Cotswold dealer of many years standing, and this year's Bada President, says he can see the day when an investor will seek the Bada certificate before puchasing in order to ensure full authenticity. And, he says, the service is already becoming sought after by insurance companies.

Many dealers complain about the range of disclaimers that auctioneers include in their terms of business. Mr William Drummond, a noted water colour specialist in London, feels there is a move away from auction houses to reputable dealers.

Buyers should take care to note descriptions such as "school of", "in the manner of", or "attributed to". Some auctioneers, however, will give refunds for forgeries.

Anyone wanting to use the Bada service can contact the organization at 20 Rutland Gate, London, SW7 1BD. Inform the organization where the item is and give any relevant information, such as the description on the invoice, if recently purchased.

Then the object can either be taken to a convenient place near the client's home or sent to London, where Bada will arrange for at least three specialist authorities — not necessarily Bada members — to inspect the piece and certify its correct identification.

Mr Ben Roden, a computer specialist from Northwich, Cheshire, who has been buying antiques for 17 years, recently used the scheme. He was not happy about an item described by a Yorkshire dealer as a "16th century oak coffer with finely carved front, minor restoration to lid and later lock plate".

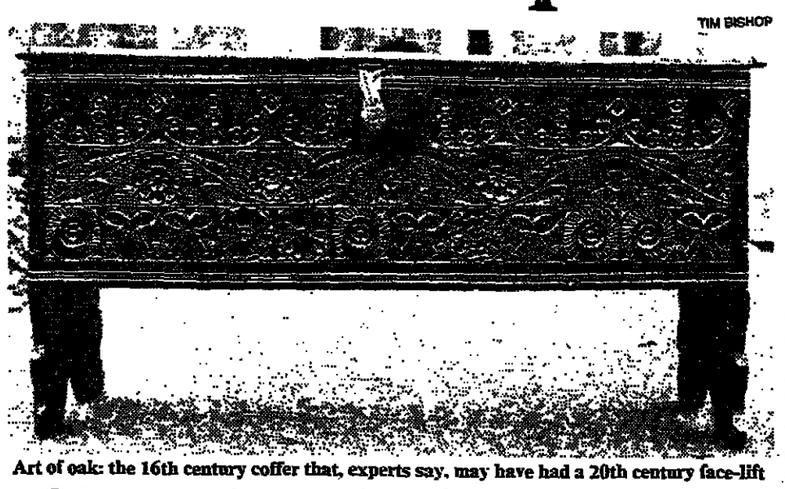
Bada had the piece inspected and found that the description was not accurate. In fact, it was a mid-17th century oak chest, and the carved decoration on the front had been added at a much later date, possibly even this century. Most of the interest and value of the piece is vested in the carving.

Mr Roden is now considering taking legal action, and was happy to pay the £150 plus value-added tax which Bada charges for its inspection service.

Prospective users of the Bada service should note that it does not include a valuation. But it should not be difficult to obtain one from a good dealer, and Bada can supply a list.

An assay office may be able to help with the identification of gold and silver. The Sheffield Assay office (137 Portobello Street, Sheffield 1) charges reasonable rates — usually under £10 — for undertaking an analysis of the silver or gold content of a piece.

TIM BISHOP



Art of oak: the 16th century coffer that, experts say, may have had a 20th century face-lift

Some auctioneers give refunds for forgeries

Market-time for budget organizer



In this age of credit cards, personal loans and myriad other financial services the art of budgeting might appear to some to have become outdated. Not so, according to Secure Trust, a company which makes a substantial part of its money out of organizing household budgets.

Now the company is floating its shares on the stock market — dealings are expected to start next Thursday. Secure Trust has a growing insurance broking division, but it still draws nearly 60 per cent of its turnover from the budgeting service operated by its Secure Homes division.

At present most of Secure Homes' 44,000 customers live around the company's Birmingham headquarters, but Secure Trust believes there is the potential to expand to other parts of the country and to a wealthier sector of the market.

Mr Ron Paston, a director of Secure Trust and managing director of Secure Homes, believes there is potential among busy high fliers who are too busy earning money to pay their bills. He was pleasantly surprised when two of the analysts who met directors to size up Secure Trust's investment prospects showed an interest in signing up.

The company is coming to the stock market to raise £9 million to repay preference shares and loans raised to finance the buyout. When its decks are cleared it will be able to expand.

Secure Trust made just under £3 million last year and has forecast pre-tax profits of £3.5 million in the year ending December 31.

The home budgeting service aims to provide a financial hand-holding facility. Customers work out likely annual outgoings and agree to pay Secure Homes a weekly or monthly amount to cover them.

Once the customer has notified the company about which bills are to be paid regularly Secure Homes makes the payments. The service is designed primarily for regular household bills such as mortgage, gas, electricity, rates and telephone rather than fluctuating bills such as credit card payments.

Secure Homes also has links with Pickfords Travel that allows its account holders to book a holiday and charge it to Secure Homes, which alters the regular payments accordingly.

Much of the administration work is carried out by computer but there is a 700-strong army of self-employed agents who collect weekly payments. Customers do not have to deal with an agent, however, as the company will accept cheques or payments through Girobank.

Secure Homes' service costs £1.50 a week or £5 a month. There is a 10 per cent charge on any overdraft incurred by the customer when the account is started, but no interest charges later.

This is not the only company which believes that made-to-measure budgeting has potential among high-fliers. Moneycare, also based in Birmingham, is a subsidiary of the American financial services group Beneficial Corporation.

It does not have a personal collection service but otherwise its service is similar to that provided by Secure Homes. It has 3,000 customers.

Maria Scott

Cool off at Bradford & Bingley

Bradford & Bingley Building Society has introduced a "cooling-off" which allows investors to pull out of accounts within 14 days.

If the account offers instant access, the investor obtains interest at the going rate. If it is a fixed-term account, or one with a period of notice, Bradford & Bingley will pay interest at its basic rate.

Mr David Hanson, deputy chief executive, says the cooling-off period has been introduced because some investors had been confused about notice periods, particularly the three months' period on accounts paying higher interest.

The society does explain the terms in its literature, but misunderstandings have arisen, he says.

The new facility has resulted from a review of the way the society deals with investors and borrowers. It has published a code of practice which sets out general terms on all its services, including personal equity plans.

The society has also introduced a standard procedure for dealing with publicity about changes in the rules of accounts and interest rates. This follows complaints — not confined to the Bradford & Bingley — from investors who felt that they had been penalized because they had not been made aware of alterations to accounts or rates.

There have been demands that societies should do more to inform investors when attractive new rates or accounts are launched.

The Bradford & Bingley does not promise to write to all investors every time there is a rate change. But its new code of practice says that when interest rates are changed by the same amount on all its savings accounts it will advertise details in at least one of four national newspapers, including *The Times*.

Advertisements will also appear if an interest rate on one account falls when there has not been an across-the-board change, when an increase has been less than the general increase, or when a rate falls by more than the general fall.

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Welcome to the wedding cake



Dolphinland: Michael Graves's projected hotel at Disney World, Florida



Recycled Dutch canal-house: Philip Johnson's Republic Bank Center, Houston, Texas

Does your company need a new image? Bake yourself a building, layer it in pastel, decorate it — and as well as a headquarters you have the latest corporate statement. It hardly matters what happens inside, **Deyan Sudjic** says: post-modernism has arrived

Until the bulldozers moved in, it looked like just another troublesome teenaged building, the kind that nobody but the Prince of Wales noticed. But the way in which it met its untimely end guaranteed it a place in history that it never had in its short and brutish life. From the moment the demolition men set about flattening Lee House last year to make way for Terry Farrell's startling (to say the least) replacement, it was clear that British architecture was never going to be the same again.

For the first time, a major developer had hired a post-modernist architect to design a significant building in the City of London. It was the stamp of commercial respectability for a style that had until then been no more than an esoteric architectural enthusiasm. Suddenly, the 1960s shuffled off into history and the way was open for the flood of hulking Technicolor towers that are rapidly changing the face of Britain.

Lee House was part of London Wall, a development that formed the northern edge of the City, running from Moorgate to the Barbican. It was the closest Britain ever came to building the dubious urban utopia dreamt of by the first modernists back in the 1920s. Six identical office slabs were lined up like dominoes on either side of a dual carriageway, hiked 20ft up in the air to create a traffic-free ersatz ground level.

Following a rigid blueprint set by the planners, a troupe of architects designed the individual slabs at intervals from 1963 onward. And if the windy plan was third-hand le Corbusier, the graph-paper facades were reach-me-down Mies van der Rohe.

Since then, debased and compromised though it was, London Wall remained the very image of modern architecture, glassy and abstract. To design buildings in any other way was as unthinkable as it would be for the modern car industry to go back to the golden age of Detroit, gleaming tail fins and all.

Suddenly all that has changed, and every one of London Wall's slabs, along with countless closely related cousins from Paternoster Square to Birmingham's Bull Ring, is under threat. Their replacements are being designed in just about any architectural language you can think of, from neo-Egyptian to skyscraper baroque. Architects are playing spare-parts surgery with the past: individual details matter less than overall effect. It adds up to what is fast becoming the dominant architectural style of the present, "corporate post-modernism".

Terry Farrell's new building at London Wall, memorably described by one jaundiced observer as looking like two mating robots, is set to become as much of a model for the 1990s as the old Lee House was for the 1960s. Where the old building aspired to simplicity and neutrality, Farrell's new building will be colourful, assertive and massive. So far, only its steel skeleton is in place. But you can already see the Farrell approach in action on a clutch of smaller London sites, at Queen Street and Aldgate in the City, and in Covent Garden. And he has plans for the Embankment and the South Bank.

Instead of steel and glass, Farrell wraps his buildings in pastel-coloured stone. Instead of flat roofs and right angles, he goes in for turrets, pediments and cornices.

A craggy figure with Denis Healey eyebrows, Farrell is the genial impresario of British post-modernism, a movement which to him is a personal as well as a professional passion. He used to be known for building hi-tech crinkly tin sheds with his former partner, Nick Grimshaw. But after an acrimonious professional divorce, Farrell deliberately positioned himself at the opposite aesthetic pole. He was the first British architect to pick up the American enthusiasm for architectural post-modernism. And it has made his office one of the busiest in London.

His first public attempt at the style was a studio for TV-am, with its famous egg-cup ornaments supposedly symbolizing the spirit of breakfast television. Farrell set out to be a crowd-pleaser, producing buildings that the public could hardly fail to notice, even if his fellow architects weren't keen on them. "I think that an architect has to design for an audience," he once said. "He has to be like a story-teller." And he confessed to haunting building sites incognito to eavesdrop on what people actually thought of his designs.

All this was little short of heresy after 25 years in which the limit of architectural experiment had been whether to use a steel rather than a concrete structure. Architects had done their best to turn design into a flow chart in which emotions had been replaced by rational calculations. They presented themselves as cool technocrats. Now they are rushing back to yellow tracing paper, soft pencils and clay models.

It is a shift that is in harmony with the increasingly noisy public demand for more expressive, more decorative buildings, a clamour led by the Prince of Wales. But it also has a lot to do with the rediscovery by developers of the corporate ego. Spending money on architecture was seen for years as the height of corporate folly. Shoeboxes were much less likely to frighten the shareholders. Now a surprising number of companies have discovered that building a landmark can be good for business, precisely because it gets them noticed.

Post-modernism, in the architectural sense, is a movement whose intellectual credentials go back to Robert Venturi, the American architect whose National Gallery extension is now being built in Trafalgar Square. He made his name with a book entitled *Complexity and Contradiction*, but the essence of his approach is more simply summed up in his maxim, "less is a bore", facetiously inverting van der Rohe's "less is more".

Taking his queue from Venturi, Philip Johnson, clearly a man who gets bored easily, put post-modernism on the map. Johnson had started out as Mies van der Rohe's most faithful American disciple, but at the end of the 1970s, sensing a shift in the wind, he turned an aesthetic somersault to put himself at the head of the post-modernists.

The cynical spider at the centre of the New York architectural web; Johnson is still a figure of considerable power, even now that he is in his eighties. He professes to believe in nothing much beyond the architect's need to keep his clients happy enough to get his next job. But he is still a man who makes and breaks architectural reputations.

"We architects are all whores," he once declared. He built the AT&T's Chippendale-topped skyscraper in New York, and got himself onto the cover of *Time* magazine in 1979, no mean feat for an architect. But wasn't this turning his back on the modern movement that he had helped to promote all those years ago? Johnson shrugs at the question. "When you get to my age, you can afford to play."

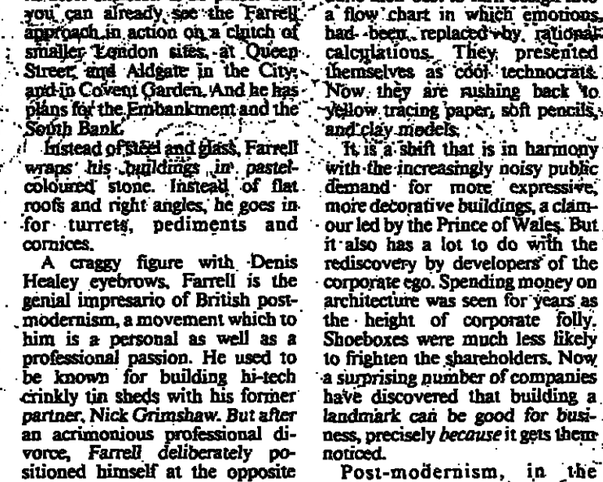
The American post-modernists, under Johnson's spell, declared themselves sick of the restraint of modernism; they looked for a richer architectural diet than simplicity. They believed that architecture could express a much wider range of emotions than the modernists had allowed. They wanted to use wit, and allusion. They no longer believed in the worship of technology and functionalism.

In part it was a response to the manifest failure of nerve that the architectural profession went through in the 1970s. The modernists had promised a sunlit brave new world, and had conspicuously failed to deliver. In the face of that, architects suffered a kind of collective nervous breakdown. Everything they once held to be immutably true suddenly looked questionable and shaky. In a sense it was a move that can be compared to the rediscovery of figurative art after the abstraction of so much of this century.

Farrell could hardly have failed to be influenced by Johnson's example, but he owes his aesthetic inspiration more to the third member of the post-modernist triumvirate, Michael Graves. Where Johnson went in for literal historical recreations, albeit on a grotesquely distorted scale, like his 30-storey mirror-glass version of the Houses of Parliament in

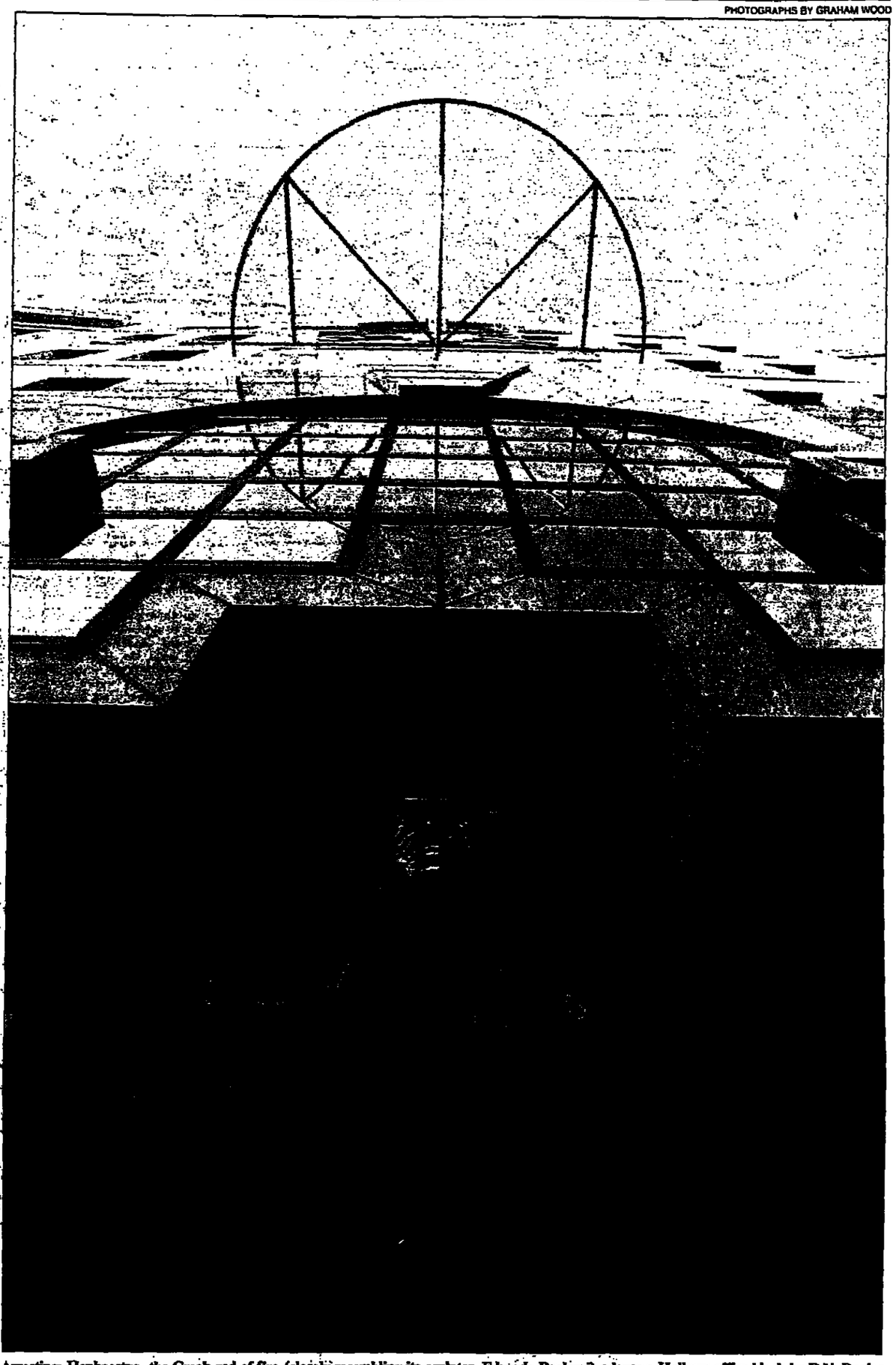
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'Modernists had promised a sunlit brave new world, and had failed to deliver'



Baronial: the architect John Taylor and Lansdowne House, his Berkeley Square creation, with its grandiloquent arched entrance

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Arresting: Hephaestus, the Greek god of fire (closely resembling its sculptor, Eduardo Paolozzi), adorns a Holborn office block by D.Y. Davies

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Pittsburgh, Graves used historical motifs from many different periods, and blends them together in an undeniably powerful fashion. His tower for the Humana Corporation in St Louis and his Portland City Hall both deploy a bizarre range of decoration, including classical garlands, giant keystones and Egyptian details.

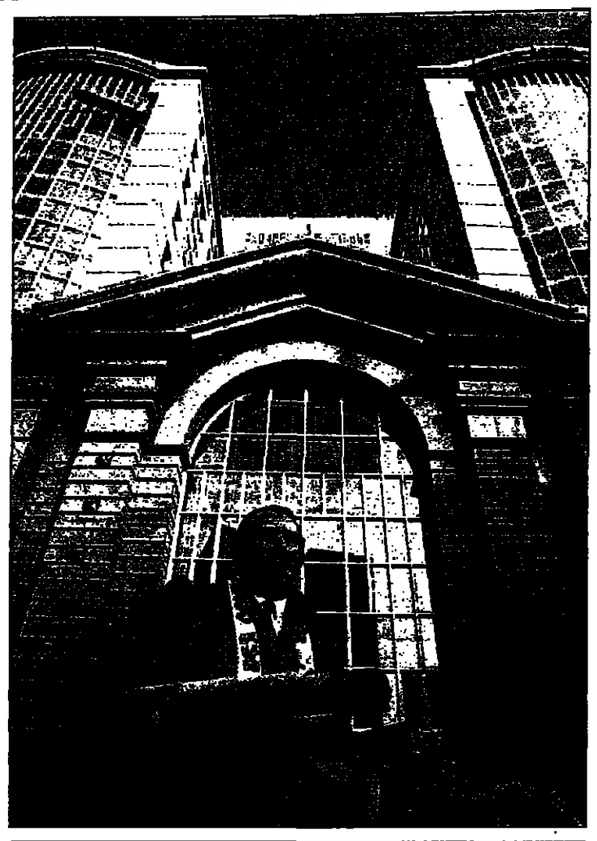
In the process, Graves was transformed from dusty east-coast academic obscurity to full-blown celebrity status. Now corporations hire Graves to make their names for them. They use his buildings the way some people use Louis Vuitton luggage. He is even building a giant pyramid hotel at Disney World in Florida, embellished by dolphins 40ft high.

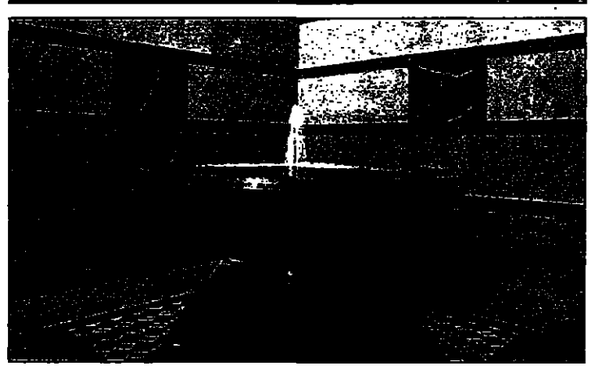
The post-modernists revelled in their status as rebels attacking the "establishment". "I would rather practise law," Graves declared, "than build architecture like Richard Rogers's Pompidou Centre." In return, an unreconstructed modernist, with singular lack of taste, described Graves's plans to rebuild the Whitney Museum in New York as "the architectural equivalent of Aids".

Graves and Johnson, however, can no longer count themselves among the avant-garde. They have been adopted as the official corporate stylists of the multinationals. From Canary Wharf to Chicago's Loop district, from the suburbs of Paris to Ceausescu's Bucharest, cardboard monumentalism, inspired by Graves and Johnson and churned out like wallpaper, has become a new international style (and one which the younger generation of architects is already turning against).

In London nobody has done more than Farrell to get the style established. Because it was Farrell who showed that post-modernism was popular with the planners. The commercial architectural firms without any aesthetic axes to grind got the message at once. If the planners wanted façades that looked like art deco jukeboxes as the price of planning permission, they could have them — as long as they let them cram in every last square foot of space they could. And so corporate post-modernism became *the* style of the current London building boom.

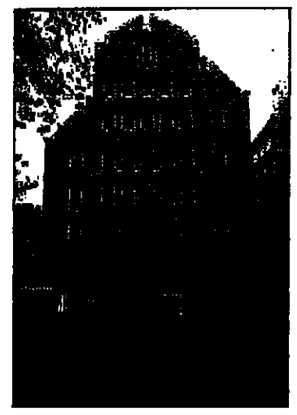
Farrell's London Wall buildings are still only a hole in the ground, but Beaufort House, the most conspicuous of the breed, is already nearly complete. Built in double-quick time, it stands at the top of Petticoat Lane in east London, a traffic-stopping jaw-dropper looming over the Aldgate roundabout. The P&O head office once stood here, modelled engagingly on an ocean liner. Now the site is surrounded by a dense crop of anonymous shoeboxes, and the architects of Beaufort House, a firm that chooses to be known by its initials, RHWL, have gone to remarkable efforts to make it stand out from the crowd.

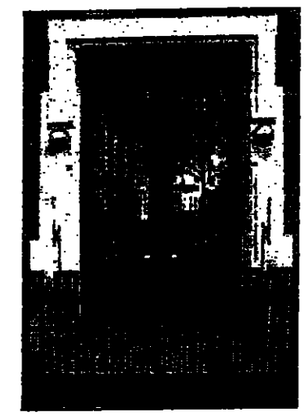


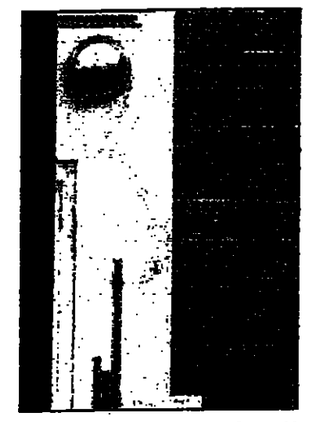


Flamboyant: Geoff Mann's Beaufort House, in Aldgate, east London

The mood here is classical. There are massive rustications patterned on the rough stone Renaissance-villa base; not terribly well made, it is true, but rustications all the same. And the vents to the underground car park are defended by wrought-iron grilles, dim and distant descendants of Medician Florence.

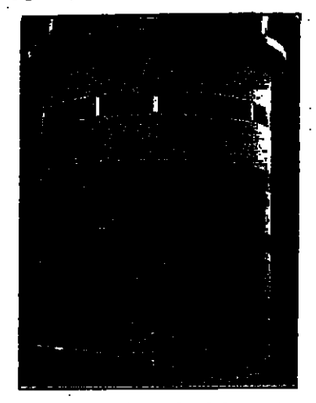






Architecture with knobs: Rolfe Judd's lopsided Barclays Bank, Soho Square, and its chrome-ball motif





Turning a corner with a tower: Terry Farrell's Landmark House in the City, pretty as a picture in pink granite

But there is a curious dream-like sense of unreality about it all. Six different shades of granite have been used on the walls, some polished smooth, some chiselled rough. Whole mountains must have been reduced to rubble to build them, you assume. Then you notice that the stone is never more than two inches thick, backed by polystyrene sheets and clipped on to the steel structure. The stones are not bonded together like proper masonry but are applied to the façade with the finesse of an amateur do-it-yourself man fitting plastic bathroom tiles.

But it is the monstrous overscaled front door, a whole 10 floors high and leading nowhere, that makes you wonder if the architects are really serious. Unfortunately, the answer seems to be yes. Built in brown marble, the door is topped by a vast pediment that owes more to a doll's house than ancient Rome.

As your eyes travel up the façade, you see a crescendo of detail piled layer on layer. Bands of polished stone alternate with the rough to no particular purpose. There is a massive cornice followed by a series of baroque windows, which actually are not windows at all, but applied stone hangings fastened on to the exterior of the building like giant picture frames. But it doesn't stop there. The tower shoots on and on, relentlessly upward, to reach yet another cornice, and even a little pointed cupola, all details that have been borrowed from their New York originals.

The whole confection is so over the top, so kitsch, and the gap between ambition and achievement so glaring, that it is an instant period piece — something that future generations will treasure as the high-water mark of a particularly dotty architectural affectation.

Over in the West End, Lansdowne House, perhaps the most expensive office space in London, provides a more dignified example of rampant corporate post-modernism. It bears the same relationship to the Edwardian banking palaces on which it is based as does a £100 suit from Next to a hand-made Savile Row original: momentarily convincing, but on closer inspection, not even from the same planet.

It has the solid solemnity, perhaps, of a giant mantelpiece clock. Inside there is the inevitable glass-roofed atrium, equipped with the even more inevitable wall-climber lifts. And there is a neo-Romanesque vaulted arcade that would not look out of place in an Erroll Flynn B movie of the most swashbuckling period. It was designed by Chapman Taylor, unbelievably the same firm of architects that built New Scotland Yard 30 years ago in the most anonymous style imaginable.

John Taylor has restricted himself to a single shade of stone, albeit embellished with curious etched stripes, and blue granite window sills. But he has succumbed to the same megalomaniac impulse that moved RHWL to build its giant door at Beaufort House. Indeed, Lansdowne's arched entrance is proportionately even bigger. Judging by the enormous size of the letters that the Saatchi brothers have used to announce their presence here, however, megalomania is a feature that goes down well with the tenants.

You can see an authentically American expression of corporate post-modernism in the massive redevelopment of Liverpool Street station, where the latest phase along Bishopsgate, designed by the American firm SOM, is a bizarre transplant of turn-of-the-century Chicago, complete with corner turrets that look like Jules Verne's vintage rockets, and a curved empire-line roof. There are even decorative details that appear to have been inspired by turn-of-the-century Chicago, squeezed on toothpaste-thin. It is only 14 floors high but it has the impact of something far larger.

Facing the architects of all these buildings is the same problem: the part of the design over which they have a major impact is limited to the façade. Behind those facades, the estate agents who have the final word in these matters are demanding larger and larger floors, as open as football pitches, to cope with hi-tech banking. In the face of this, architectural input is reduced to wrapping a skin of appliquéd detail at ever larger and larger scales, and perhaps planning a suitably prominent front door.

In these circumstances the style hardly counts: mirror-glass or stone, it's all the same. It amounts to Christmas gift wrapping, the icing on a not very appetizing wedding cake.

But with nothing more than a skin to play with, the post-modernists must resort to ever more extreme measures. It was easy to get noticed when the bandwagon started to roll. Simply add a broken pediment or two, some "shocking" colours, and you had everybody's creative juices flowing, and a commission from some egotistical developer in your pocket.

Now the shock value has gone, it is becoming apparent that a crust of decorative detail (except in the hands of the most skilful) is likely to make big buildings more offensive and intrusive, not less, than the glass slabs of the 1960s. It may be as unfashionable now as the high Victorians were at their nadir, but clearly, given the excesses now being committed in the name of "traditional" architecture, even London Wall will have its day again.



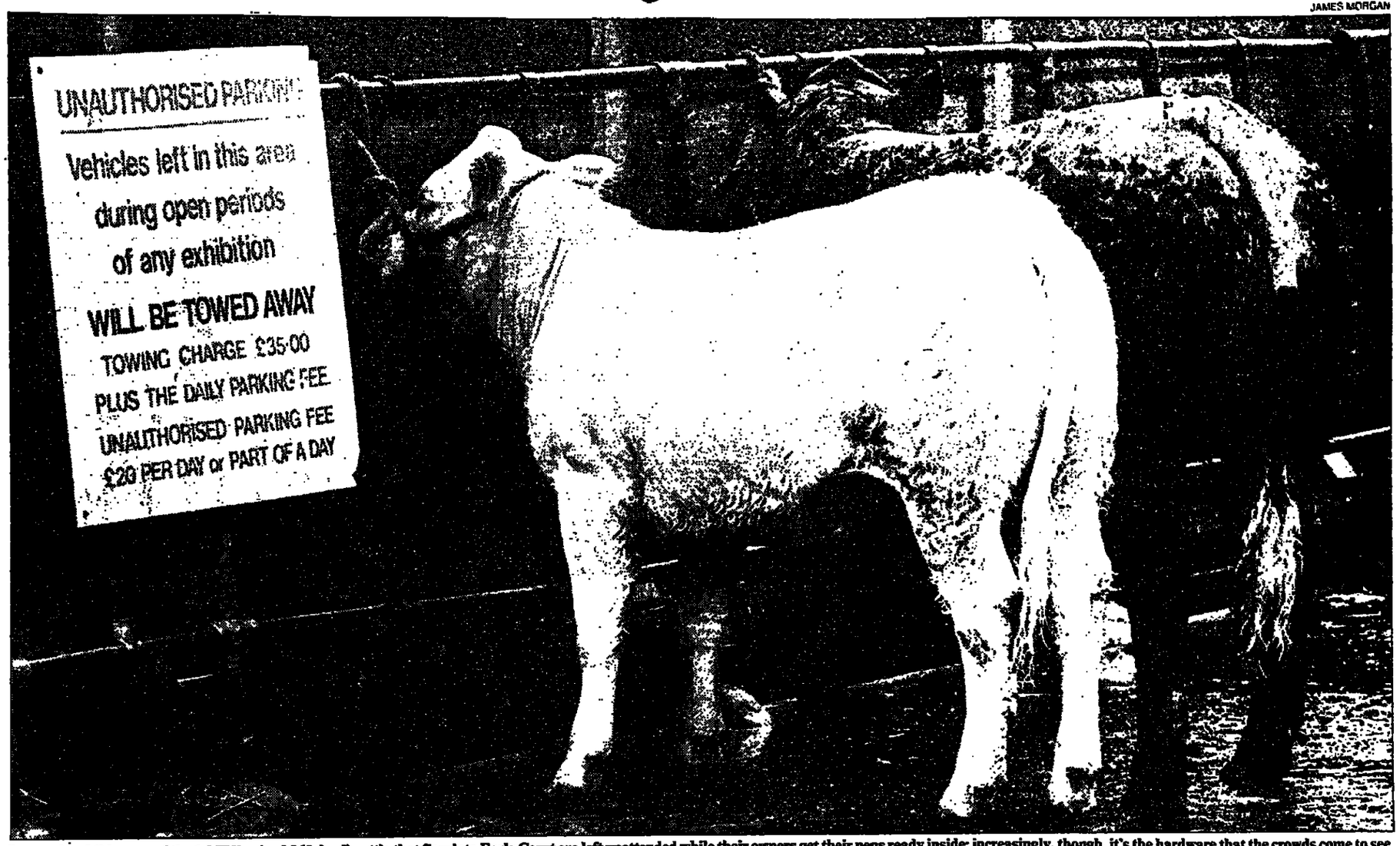
Over Jaffa

SMITHFIELD SHOW

When the country came to town

Alan Franks found creatures great, small and mechanical at the Royal Smithfield Show

JAMES MORGAN



Low-tech exhibits: two of the 1,057 live (and 363 dead) cattle that flow into Earls Court are left unattended while their owners get their pens ready inside; increasingly, though, it's the hardware that the crowds come to see

HARRY KERR

The Royal Smithfield Show, whose entrails are today being shifted like so much offal from the floor of the Earls Court arena, is the Frankfurt Book Fair of the farming industry. It is the social high point of the professional calendar – five hectic days of horse-trading in agricultural machinery that gleams as brightly as the lure of a new biography of Marilyn Monroe. The big difference is that the book has not been constructed yet, whereas the machinery is ready to start on your farm tomorrow. Frankfurt deals in promise, Smithfield in performance.

For the latest futuristic thriller by Stephen King, substitute the green German-reared monster, the Claas Dominator 108 SL harvester with straw walker separation and quick-stop cutter bar; for the new William Boyd, try instead the reliable Bomford B-45 mid-position hedge-trimmer with automatic return safety breakaway protection; and for those challenging but little-known masters of post-colonial African fiction, see the Micron range of controlled droplet applicators. This is a father-and-son outfit along the lines of Amis pic, but with a greater concentration on Third World themes.

Muck-spreading is of course common to both festivals, although at the Royal Smithfield it can be washed off afterwards.

For the past week, within the clapboard inner sanctums of the 350 assorted UK and overseas stands, hundreds of millions of pounds' worth of orders have been taken by the manufacturers of this state-of-the-art equipment. Last year the figure was £250 million, which is half the sum spent annually by our farmers on British-made machinery.

The technology of those other farming aids, the lamb, pig and cow, may have evolved fantastically since the show started in 1779 (with two fatstock classes at Wootton's Livery Stables in the City of London), but there is a limit to the number of special features and accessories they can take. Of course the very name of Smithfield still reeks of meat; this week a total of 1,057 live animals and 363 dead ones were entered for judging. But the showing ring is just one of many centres of attraction, and occupies only a fraction of the space taken up by the inanimate specimens.

On the evidence of the week, the post-war British farmer has become a creature inured to the cattle-prod of future shock; not for him the wide-eyed reaction of his Wessex forebears when that prototype harvester came clanking and steaming into the pages of Hardy's *Tess*. Besides, he has enough on his plate already, not least the effect on his overdraft of the recent hikes in interest charges. At present about 40 per cent of his capital expenditure is made in money borrowed from the banks.

He was here in all his guises this week, from the standard Ambridge model whose talk has started to shift perceptibly from milk quotas to set-aside, through the East Anglian grain man in the quietly expensive tweeds who bridles when you mention hedgerows, down to the embryo farm manager from Cirencester bent on some practical research into the state of the hop.

The townie can tell that this is the real thing; the Barbours have got creases in the elbows, even around Stand 248, which belongs to Sloane Helicopters; the salesmen may have plastic things on their lapels but they also have faces ruddy with weather rather than whisky, and the whole area has the same smell last caught through the open window of the car in the backroads of Shropshire that weekend.

It is the machinery itself, sprawling across the bulk of the 43,000 square metres of exhibition space, that is surreal. Everything from the humblest leaf sweeper to the most sophisticated offset disc harrow has tyres with a lacquered sheen. There is not a fleck of mud on the rubber flaps of slurry scrapers which will leave here for a life of unspeakable filth. The only working parts actually working are the escalators, feeding the 50,000 visitors up to the next level like hay bales on a moving belt. The locust limbs of the giant crop sprayers are folded back on themselves as if for a museum; suddenly the place is not so much a fair as a museum, part science and part natural history, with the future rather than the past subjected to a freezing process.

The diplodocus here is the Claas Dominator harvester, whose massive body is already becoming a familiar sight on the face of the Lincolnshire grain prairies. It costs £90,000, sells 300 annually in the UK, has a cutter bar 20 feet wide, a life expectancy of 15 years, and harvests about 800 acres of rape, wheat or barley in a year's work. Even in the vastness of Earls Court it presents an incredible hulk, although it is not too tall to travel across Europe by rail without savaging the tunnels.

Its progenitor is Herr Helmut Claas, chairman and managing director, who moves forward at the same stately rate and apparently goes over the ground with similar thoroughness. Almost every function of his beast is electronically monitored and the information fed through to the driver, perched eight feet in the air above the fearsome blades in his rubber-mounted, air-conditioned "low decibel-rated environment".

Standing in the shadow of the Dominator is an unassuming Newmarket man with one of the smallest but potentially most revolutionary products on display. This is the Claydon Yieldometer, a modest £3,000-worth of hardware which can print out an on-the-spot report on everything the farmer needs to know about the state of his crops, field by field, from the effect of the chemicals and fertilizers used on a particular patch of ground to a projected figure of the overall output of his farm during the year.

For Jeff Claydon, the new Mark Three model is the culmination of eight years of intensive research. Under an agreement with Claas his device fits marsupially on to the side of the harvester and logs the data which it picks up from a continuous grain sample as the machine progresses. Claydon has a farming past but a visionary future: "In time there is no reason why the farmer cannot have a system linking the harvester cab directly to his office – a system in which each unit in his operation can be graphically displayed on a computer screen . . . I don't expect it will happen till the year 2000, mind you."

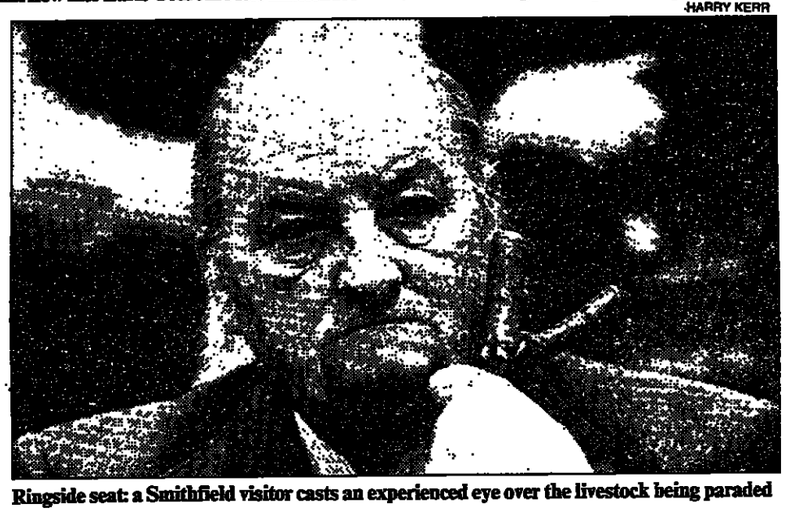
But then who, 12 years ago, would have foreseen the advent of a tractor called the Lamborghini Grand Prix, its name emblazoned in white speed-marked lettering on the side of the bonnet? This is not a joke, particularly if you are in a position to invest £30,000 in your farm's most essential piece of plant. Signor Flavio Pegoraro, the managing director of Same-Lamborghini (the former company now owns the latter), fusses over it like the proud Italian father of an extremely male baby. "It is handsome, yes. But also so clever. It is correct to call a tractor clever?"

This year his company has sold 800 tractors to the UK, a 50 per cent increase in the market share over 1987. The Grand Prix, he explains, is living proof of the fact that the technology of the race track can have a vital trickle-down effect on the less highly bred members of the stable. Like the German harvester, it has the seemingly obligatory feature of a cab as plush, silent and well-appointed as a family saloon. Even the agricultural students spilling from the bar, lowing like a whole herd of cows in labour, are baffled out of earshot.

The carcass room may be just through the wall from the main hall, but it is really a world away; just row upon row of dead animals, or parts of dead animals, hanging upside down in the coolness of a butcher's shop. After all the colossal painted toys out there, you feel tempted to ask what these other exhibits actually *do*?

There is no need, for Alan Emus, clerk of the Worshipful Company of Butchers in the City of London and a judge of the 192 competing pieces of dead sheep, appears. He points to the piece of meat which seems set apart from the rest only by a rosette pinned into its left buttock with the words "Supreme Champion". He looks at it admiringly, as if it is about to be interviewed, with him acting as interpreter.

"Look there," he says. "Look at the size of the eye." Hard, given that the carcass lacks even a head. "No, when we say the eye, we mean the cross-section of the meat in the back." It is indeed a much broader eye than the rest. "English lamb has come a long way in the past five years. We have put meat on it. Meat and length. This one is a Texel Cross. Where we've succeeded is in bringing the best qualities of the European sheep into our own animals . . . this show is tremendously important for sheep farmers. If you do well, it enhances the value of the rams. With a Texel ram there might be a slaughter value of say £40; but if it's got a proven record as a breeder, then it's worth perhaps 10 times that."



Ringside seat: a Smithfield visitor casts an experienced eye over the livestock being paraded

Suddenly the Prince of Wales crops up in the conversation, for Roger Moore, the royal butcher, has joined in, as has David Child, secretary of the Royal Smithfield Club. Just for a moment it looks as though we could be in a sensitive rump of the meat trade, what with the Vegetarian Society's demo at the start of the show, and Prince Charles's rumoured eccentricities of diet.

Quite the reverse; Moore volunteers the information that the Prince is "definitely not a vegetarian. I supply meat to the royal household, and I can tell you he is *not*. In fact, I hope that before too long he will become actively involved in showing at the Royal Smithfield. He has bought some farmland, in Lincolnshire I believe, and he could be going into Aberdeen Angus."

Back in the main hall, with just a few minutes to go until closing time, those other keen supporters, the agricultural students, are expressing their enthusiasm in the approved manner of the modern British market town – with a tremendous show of pints and noise. In the throng by the bar the show has become for all the world a cobbled square at the end of market day. Except that the young men have circled into a sort of Stonehenge formation and are singing rugby songs as blue as a raw steak, and the girl students are actually joining in. A bobby who, but for the hand radio, could be a latterday George Dixon, passes by with an expression that says he has seen it all before.

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The great pudding race

EIGHTH GREAT CHRISTMAS PUDDING RACE: In aid of the Cancer Research Campaign, a colourful event in which all runners, in fancy dress, negotiate a series of obstacles while carrying Christmas puddings. Entertainments precede the event, at which spectators are welcome. Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2. Today, entertainment from 10.15am, race at 11am, free.

LONDON WILDLIFE TRUST EVENT: Visit to Crayford Marshes to see waders, ducks and – it is hoped – short-eared owls. Crayford Marshes, Bexley. Tomorrow. Meet Slade Green Station 10.30am. Take wellingtons, packed lunch, hot drinks. (Further information Nicholas Baker, 0322 348963).

CHRISTMAS AT IRONBRIDGE: Festival celebrations with a travelling circus, Christmas carols, toys and handicrafts, a play scheme, dramatic performances and brass band. Seasonal refreshments. Blists Hill Open Air Museum, Ironbridge Gorge, Telford, Shropshire (095 245 3522). Today, tomorrow 11am-4pm. Adult £2.50, child free.

OUTINGS

WHAT THE BUTLER SAW: Mansion decorated for a traditional Victorian Christmas while the Tatton Living History Society re-enacts life upstairs and downstairs as it would have been 100 years ago. Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire (0565 54822). Tomorrow 1pm-4pm. Adult £1.25, child 55p.

MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS: Concert for young people and parents with Michael and Doreen Muskett. Medieval and traditional carols, songs and instrumental pieces played on the harp, flutes, recorders, carillon of bells, hurdy-gurdy and other instruments. Also a pageant presented by children from Suffolk schools. Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeborough, Suffolk (box office 072885 3543). Today 5pm; tickets £2.80, £3.80, £4.80.

EVENTS AT SALTRAM HOUSE: For children (outdoors) today, *Punch and Judy* shows at 2.15pm and 3pm; tomorrow a visit from Winnie the Pooh and Garfield. For adults tomorrow at 7.45pm, the John Loosemore Singers and Players give a recital *of* early music on the Christmas theme. Saltram House, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon. Gardens open today, tomorrow 11am-5pm. Free. (Further information and booking for concert 0752 336546. Tickets £6.)

NARRATIVES: An evening of poetry, prose, music and song with Field Day – the group which comprises some of Ireland's most notable literary and theatrical personalities, including Brian Friel, Stephen Rea, Seamus Heaney, Thomas Kilroy. Purcell Room, Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (box office 01-928 8800). Today 7.30pm. Adults £5, student £3.

CASTLE DROGO CONCERT: Music from the Baroque era performed by Arcadia with supper beforehand. Castle Drogo, Drewsteignton, Devon (booking essential on 06473 3306/3605). Tonight, supper 6.15pm, concert 7.30pm. Tickets with supper £8, concert only £5.

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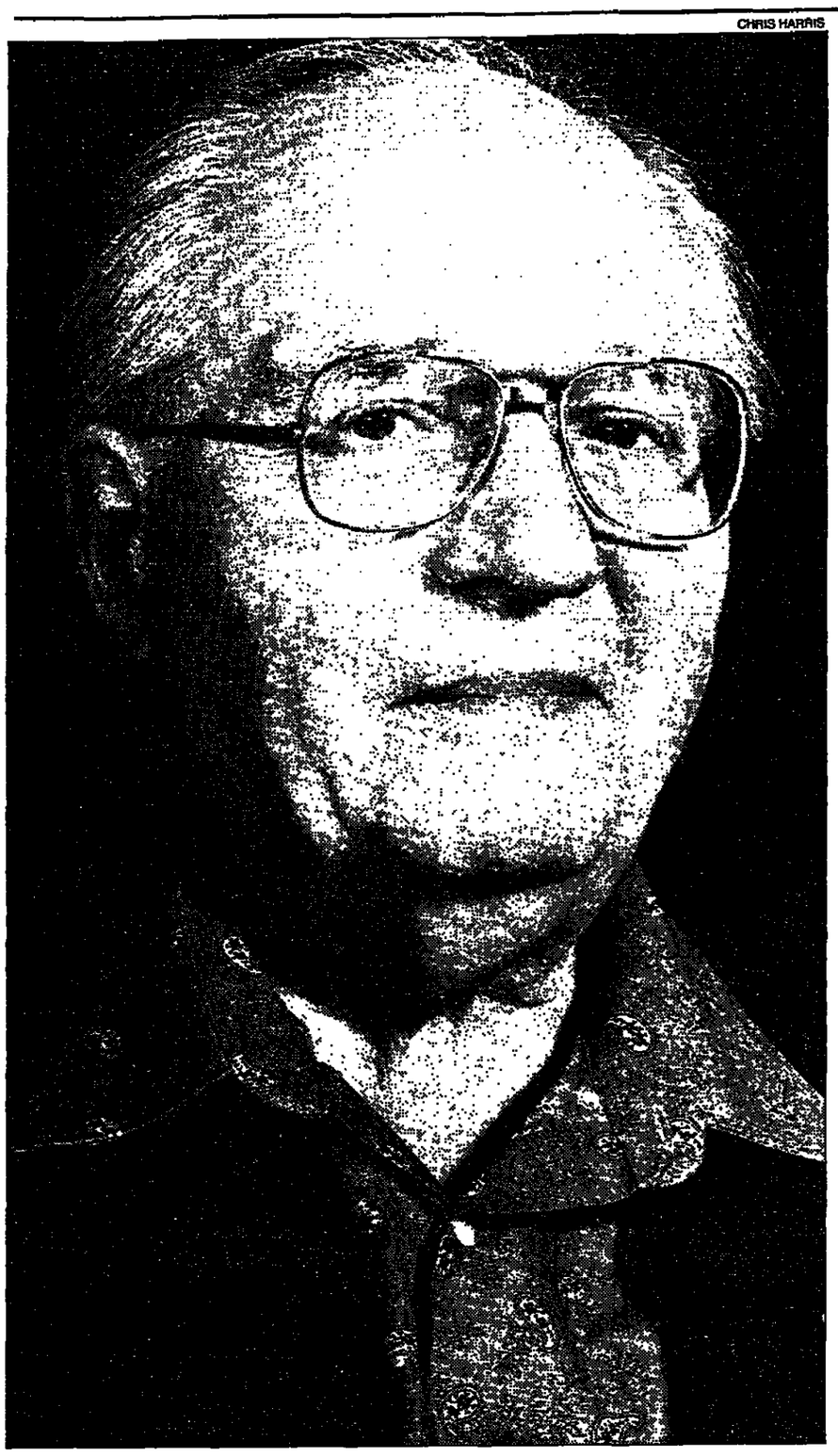


ARTS INTERVIEW

Composition and peaceful conversation

Paul Griffiths meets Olivier Messiaen, who celebrates his 80th birthday and the premiere of a new work today

CHRIS HARRIS



Olivier Messiaen: still happily playing the organ for the morning masses at La Trinité in Paris

In a practice studio in a former warehouse in Bermondsey, in a swirl of noise and clatter from musicians taking a break between rehearsals for *St François d'Assise*, there is a centre of stillness: Olivier Messiaen sits talking, his hands at rest in his lap, or else he stays waiting for the next question to come in stumbling schoolboy French; his smile is one of complete peace and candour, his face and eyes open, translucent, so that he seems young beneath the wispy white hair, still a child. There ought to be angels who look like this.

Serenity, humility and purity are the whole story, but they are also only part of the story, because Messiaen speaks rapidly and confidently of his works, his views, his plans: the angel has a sharp, clear mind, and it is good to have evidence of this when his appearance at recent concerts has been that of a man shuffling in tiny steps, watched and fussed over with a new needfulness by his wife, Yvonne Loriod, her own eyes and movements as quick and bright as her pianism, or as the birds she emulates when playing Messiaen's music.

I asked him first if, like Stravinsky at the same period of life, he was finding new musical enthusiasms.

"I have never changed. I have always loved the birds, and as far as human music is concerned, I had wonderful teachers: Jean and Noël Gallon, Maurice Emmanuel, Marcel Dupré, and Paul Dukas, who was a great composer and a sage, a philosopher, a sort of Buddha. Nowadays I still listen to discs and go to concerts: I even go regularly to the L'Itinéraire concerts, which are the most avant-garde in Paris." But his opinions have not altered about what is important for the next generation or two.

"In France there is a very great musician who has made himself above music: Pierre Boulez. And then there is electronic music, which has changed the ways of thinking and orchestrating of every composer today, even those who haven't composed electronic music, like me. And finally in England you have a great musician who is a marvellously gifted young man: George Benjamin."

Messiaen's life in other respects, too, proceeds without essential change. When he is not travelling, he still plays regularly for the 10 o'clock and 11.30 masses at La Trinité: "It's not a very beautiful church, but it has a very beautiful organ — one of the best in France. I've been playing it now for 57 years: I'm a very old organist!"

He also continues, of course, to compose. A new piece for piano and ensemble, *Un vitrail et des oiseaux*, will have its first British performance tomorrow, and another new work, for piano and orchestra, is scheduled for performance next November by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Boulez. Yet another new large orchestral piece is his current project. Does he keep particular times or places for composition?

'A musician always has music in his head, day and night, in the street, at home, everywhere'

"I like to work in the country, in *the mountains: I have a house in* the country, in a place where there are four lakes and a circle of mountains." He composed his big piano piece, *La fauvette des jardins* ("The garden warbler"), there.

"I had listened to the birds and walked there for years, and wrote a piece which recalls for me my own landscape. There are personages which are like *leitmotifs:* there's the personage of the mountain, the personage of the lake: these are individuals, and though of course they're immobile, they still stir, and they sing. And for the birdsong I heard and notated 300 garden warblers, and out of those I made an ideal, choosing from the best."

If the sounds and sights of *nature were written into his* music, could he work in Paris? "Yes, sometimes. A musician always has music in his head, day and night, in the street, at home, everywhere." So a piano is not necessary to him when he is composing? "I can work without it, yes, but I like to place myself at the piano. Works for piano, clearly, I write at the piano. But for orchestral works I write a first version which is not a piano *reduction but something more* — there may even be pages which I write directly in score, like the bird concert in *St François d'Assise*, which would be impossible to write in reduction."

Does he make sketches? "I think a lot. I think for years. Then, when I begin, it's essentially a definitive version, which I don't change. I couldn't, for instance, take up an old work again, because I don't have the same aspirations, the same wishes."

Has he ever abandoned a work? "Oh no, I keep everything: they are all my children." Had there ever been a work that he had not completed? "No. I'll give you an example: *Les corps glorieux* for organ, which I wrote in 1939, just before the war. I was called up at the point where I was thinking about a fortissimo finale. Then when I came back from the war, three or four years later, I decided to leave the work as it was. It's better." Even so, there are works which he has not published, like his Mass for soprano and violins.

"It's not a good piece . . . If they haven't been published, it's because they're very bad. It's better that the good works should be published. *St François d'Assise* has taken a long time to engrave: *so far only the third scene has* appeared, but I hope the sixth will be out by Christmas, then the seventh in six months' time, and so on."

I asked which of all his works was the most important to him. "Personally, the one I prefer is perhaps *La Transfiguration* for choir and orchestra. It has the most of faith, of religious meditation. It's a resumé of all my work."

Returning to *St François*, I asked if he had written the work beginning at the beginning and going through to the end. "No, I never write anything from beginning to end! First of all I wrote the text, keeping from all the stories only what concerned the progress of grace in the soul of St Francis. For instance, I eliminated his struggle against his father, because that would have introduced questions of psychology, of the Oedipus complex, which would have been awful.

"I wrote the words myself, since that allowed me to make adaptations when it came to the setting — most of all in order to place good vowels for the singers at the high notes, where you have to have 'O', 'A' or 'E'. Then I wrote the music, and finally I did the orchestration, but not in the order of the drama. I spent a lot of time on the sixth scene, almost a year and a half, because it was so difficult. Then I did the fifth scene, and at the end the first scene — that was orchestrated only about a month before the performance."

Had Messiaen ever experienced doubts about matters of music or theology? "No. I am very lucky. My parents were not believers, but I was born with the faith, without doing anything: it's just a marvellous gift.

"If I have doubts, I fortify my faith by reading theology. I read the Gospels, the Psalms, the Apocalypse, the Epistles of St Paul, but I also read the great theologians — St Thomas Aquinas, and also modern theologians: *Guardini, Thomas Merton* and von Balthazar, the greatest theologian of the 20th century. As for music, no, I've always had confidence in myself, which is very lucky, because most musicians today have anxieties. And essentially I haven't changed."

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Assured: June Anderson (Gilda) in duet with Brent Ellis in the title role

John Higgins gives a qualified cheer to the ROH's new version of a classic

Rigoletto reborn

Rigoletto
Covent Garden

OPERA

The new *Rigoletto* at Covent Garden is announced as the first in a series of productions designed "to renew the Verdi repertory" at the house. It is difficult to nominate a more vital project, so several cheers to the management for tackling it.

But it is slightly curious to find not an Italian in sight beyond the experienced design team of Ezio Frigerio and Franca Squarciapino. The ROH has gone for a Spanish director (Nuria Espert), a cast led by three youngish Americans, and taken a chance with a rising German conductor (Michael Boder). The result is a solid success but not one to set Verdi's River Mincio on fire.

Nuria Espert has updated the action to the time of the opera's composition, the middle of the last century. It begins by looking a bit like *Traviata* — Espert is to tackle this work shortly and may run into identification problems — with a lot of white-tied gentlemen out to entertain themselves and the Duke of Mantua.

But otherwise she tinkers little with the action: during the prelude Rigoletto is seen adjusting a ducal table, a device to establish him as an outsider at court; Maddalena makes an early appearance during Sparafucile's first encounter with Rigoletto and has an accordionist in tow (a comment on the orchestra, which had been a bit ragged until then?).

But in other respects her staging is scrupulous and ever attentive to the text. Key moments such as *Gilda's abduction and murder are* convincingly managed. Espert has a tale of rape and retribution to tell and she relates in sombre colours, thereby missing just a bit of Verdi's irony.

Frigerio designs two conventional and sombre interiors for the duke's *palazzo*, but his second scene outside Rigoletto's house is masterly: the walled and unkempt garden is exactly as Verdi demanded. The final act is less satisfactory. Sparafucile's house is not exactly "isolated" with a slum block by its side — Espert and Frigerio as in *Butterfly* are keen on tenement life — and there is not much sign of the Mincio.

Neil Shicoff's clean-shaven duke, more something from the City than the aristocracy, began as though he did not give a damn for anyone else on stage. "Questa o quella" needs to be carefree, but not careless. But he then settled down to an easily produced, cool and clear performance. "E il sol dell'anima" was particularly luscious and more than enough to sweep a cloistered girl off her feet. His tenor has grown in strength and weight these last few years without losing its sheen.

June Anderson's Gilda, too, is brimming with assurance. She makes no attempt to portray a timid adolescent, but instead shows a poised young woman hungry for experience so that "Caro nome", thrilling sung, is not so much dreamy as expectantly. The closing "Lassù in cielo" had notes floated with such limpid beauty that made her rare appearances in Verdi a matter for regret.

The stature of these two performances tended to dwarf Brent Ellis in the title role. His comes from a lower league in terms of projection. He plays Rigoletto more as a cripple — Hoffmann's Kleinsach, perhaps — than as a resentful hunchback. The voice lacks the warmth for the father/daughter scenes and is apt to turn dry at crucial moments. Ellis is at his best when Rigoletto is at *his* most furious. But with personalities as big as Shicoff and Anderson on stage it is curious that Covent Garden did not go for John Rawnsley. He would have stood up to them.

One of Espert's strengths as a director is her ability to shape the supporting roles into credible characters. It was noticeable in *Butterfly* and even more evident here. John Tomlinson's Sparafucile is not only majestically sung but a man true to his own lights and his clients — "Am I a robber or something?", he angrily asks Maddalena when she suggests killing Rigoletto. And Claire Powell as his sister is a voluptuous creature, well capable of keeping the money rolling into the family home and excellent in the quartet.

Michael Boder had a rough opening scene, but managed to get the orchestra going in the last two acts. He has yet to reveal the ironic asides which abound in the score.

A solid start, then, to Verdi *perestroika*. This *Rigoletto* will be able to sustain a few cast changes over the years.

Irving Wardle

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Showing soon . . .

Thousands of Indian and South East Asian artefacts in storage at the Victoria and Albert museum may be kept from the public gaze following an internal report commissioned by new director Elizabeth Esteve-Coll. The museum's North Court had been earmarked for an India/Asia exhibition, but the report, by prints and drawings director John Murdoch, recommends that the space be used instead for major loan exhibitions.

The blockbuster-style shows were dropped in 1984 by the previous director, Sir Roy Strong, after the Rococo exhibition flopped. Since then, however, attendances have nosedived. Encouraged by the success of smaller shows, such as Fashion and Surrealism, and Neville Brody (not to mention Elton John), Esteve-Coll backs Murdoch.

● **Watch out for Granada's *British and the Oscars* on ITV the Thursday after Christmas, if only for 1965 winner Frederic Raphael's put down: "After you have won a Cambridge scholarship you don't attach importance to Oscars."**

Hampton out

David Lean has dropped Christopher Hampton, adaptor of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, as screenwriter for *Nostromo*, his latest (and perhaps last) film project.



Lean Bolt

Lean, now 80, has persuaded Robert Bolt, who wrote the *Dr Zhivago* screenplay, to tackle Conrad's fiendishly difficult novel.

Missed blessings

Rani the elephant and Lucky the Talking Turkey may have to perform without holy approval this year. Animals from Gerry Cottle's Circus were blessed last year by Canon John Morris before performing in Battersea. But the canon has now retired, and clergy in Wembley, where Cottle's big top will be pitched this year, seem reluctant to offer their services.

Andrew Billen

Dalliance goes astray

The Relapse
Mermaid

THEATRE

The proud boast of the British Actors Theatre Company is that it mounts plays without aid of a director; artistic decisions are taken by actors and stage management "democratically", as a programme note puts it. I can only guess at how decisions are reached to shape the performances of colleagues. By compromise, I dare say.

Such an approach worked with a previous production, *The Taming Of The Shrew*, a play that presents few interpretative problems. Vanbrugh's comedy of dalliance is an altogether more complicated work, and while the cast give us a clear reading, in the sense that the story is easy to follow, they provide few good reasons for wanting to follow it very far.

The play's most interesting female character is Berinthia, a widow determined to bed a friend's husband, which she not only succeeds in doing, but remains unpunished for it at the end. Vanbrugh wrote about events that actually happen, not those his puritan critics wanted to happen. Kate O'Mara's crisp delivery is attractive, with an effective manner of drawing attention to her real feelings by suggestively lowering her voice at the end of a sentence.

The most celebrated character is Lord Foppington, dandiest of dandies, retching with disgust at a pocket set too high; a beau who behaves badly to his poverty-stricken brother, but not so badly (if you go by the words alone) as to forfeit our sympathy since the brother is not so likeable either. The author humiliates Foppington by having his prospective father-in-law imprison him in a pillory, but Vanbrugh cannot bring himself to go on making him suffer and lets the character, like the play itself, drift out of direction by the close.

Admirers of Roy Marsden's television performances will be intrigued at his appearance as Foppington, corseted and skirted like a Greek *evzone's* nightmare, and gasping like a cock recovering from hysterics. Unfortunately, he projects little of the role's comedy.

Jeremy Kingston

Among spell-binders

The Magic Olympical Games
Olivier

As its seasonal offering for the six to 11-year-olds, the National Theatre unveils the story of Malion, the wizard who never knew where to stop.

Out of action since he let things get out of hand at Krakatoa, he arrives at the South Bank locked in a large box, escorted by an expedition of ILEA children led by a pith-helmeted Roddy Maude-Roxby who are looking for a safe place to dump the hyperactive magician. They soon learn they have come to the wrong address when Neville, an assistant stage cleaner (Toby Sedgwick) speaks the magic words that release him as a towering boneless ghoul with glaring electric eyes, to start turning policemen into dogs and choking the bus routes with rhinos. The children have quite a job luring him back and taking his wand away, thus leaving the world to wizards who know how to behave.

Coming from the anarchic team of Graeme Garden and Ken Campbell, this is a distinctly authoritarian fable. Played by Ivan Kaye as a cackling hulk in a black monkey mask, Malian looks an ugly customer, but it seems unfair to cast him as the villain when all he wants is to show off. You could say the same of production itself: with monster hands descending from above, vanishings and transformations in clouds of smoke, the thunderous smashing of an invisible glass wall.

Unlike last year's *Pied Piper* this show assumes an audience with a short attention span: and who are more gripped by what is happening now than by what is going to happen next. Scene by scene, it offers plenty of fun, from the arrival of a ferociously armour-plated wizard-killer (Andrew Bailey) who has retired into hairdressing, to the instant conjuring up of a packed Colosseum for the title routine.

There are some winning personalities among the expedition team: particularly Sarah Lam as a mute girl who finally advances from baby-talk to love dialogue in a matter of seconds. The company do not go in for audience participation, but they are strong on audience contact.

Irving Wardle

John Lennon and the melonheads

TELEVISION

The cavalcade of melonheads who graced *Lennon-Goldman* (Channel 4) fell roughly into two squadrons. On one side were those (mostly English) who had declined to co-operate with Albert Goldman's research for his biography of John Lennon, and were to all appearances mad; on the other, those (mostly American) who had indeed dished the dirt, and were to all appearances mad. Part of the fun lay in guessing at first blink which was which.

Binia Tymieniecka, director of what one remembers as a stylish job on Phil Spector some while ago, spent four years on the tail of the Goldman project. It was the perfect icing on the cake that Goldman himself, having granted her a "long and exhaustive" interview, should vote with Group A by pulling the plug. His on-screen contribution was reduced to a single, manic, slow-motion laugh.

Instead of the biographer, we had copious time-release photography of New York City, an unfortunate device that began by looking as though it might be trying to say something, and ended by irritating. The whole thing would benefit from being chopped down to around an hour.

But what an hour. Here was bottle-blond Mike McCartney (Group A) identifying for all time the nature of Goldmania: "It's called the gutter-Press approach." That was telling him, Mike. Then there was the fey and hirsute Luciano (Group B), captioned unforgettably as "Yoko's Boyfriend's Ex-Lover", disclosing the exact location of the star's ashes in the Dakota Building.

That literal muck-raker, A.J. Weberman, inventor of "garbology" and sometime Minister of Defence for the Rock Liberation Front, revealed that the late author of the hippy anthem "*Give Peace A Chance*" gave Noraid a packet.

Whatever one thinks of Lennon as a musical talent, there can be little doubt that his last years were not rich in lucidity. Stories of his wilful eccentricity, to put it at its mildest, abounded long before his untimely death. The value of this film is to show how celebrity contaminates those who cluster at the hem of the mantle as surely as those who wear it.

Martin Cropper

CONCERT

Paradise lost . . .

La Transfiguration
Westminster Cathedral

The all-inclusiveness of *La Transfiguration de Notre Seigneur Jésus Christ*, Messiaen's great ceremonial of theology, light, mountains and birdsong, makes it too diverse to have any ideal location, unless in paradise.

The first British performance 18 years ago, though in the distinctly uncelestial Albert Hall, perhaps came as near as possible to meeting the needs at once for spaciousness and for a visual and aural focus on solo instruments. In *Westminster Cathedral, it* was only the expansive resonance that was provided.

I believe the three soloists on tuned percussion instruments were there, but by the time their flurries reached from the sanctuary arch back to halfway down the nave, only a wash of echo was to be heard, and Paul Crossley's piano playing was given an extra thick coating of pearl.

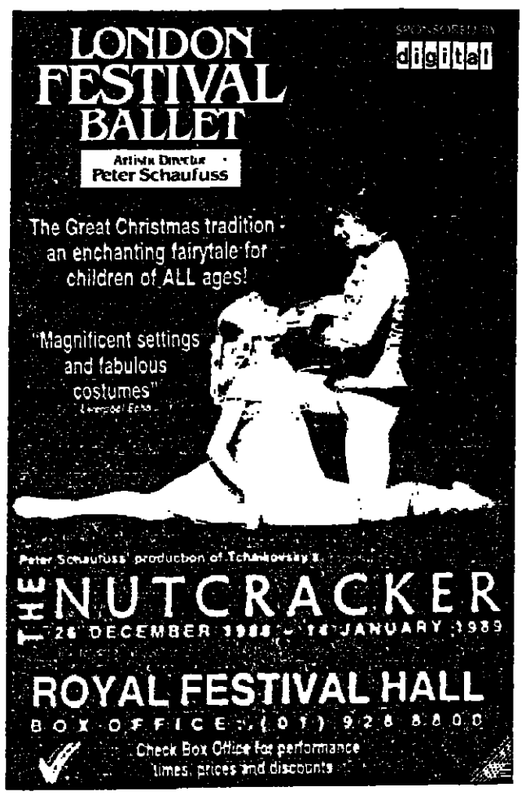
Moray Welsh's cello and Colin Bradbury's clarinet both cut through with intense, piercing voices, but the larger birdsong choruses from the BBC Symphony Orchestra were inevitably muddled.

One may also wonder whether, in terms of environment and atmosphere, a work that invents its own liturgy, touching on the exultation of nature and the chanting of Tibetan monks as well as on Western plainsong, is best heard in a Catholic basilica.

But there were advantages. The gongs and tam-tams made a wonderful noise, rolling like thunder, and there was room for the circuitous journeys of the solemn, dense-chorded chorales to seem properly mysterious. David Atherton, conducting, was specially good in winning from the BBC Singers and Symphony Chorus a singlemindedness of accent and attack.

Paul Griffiths







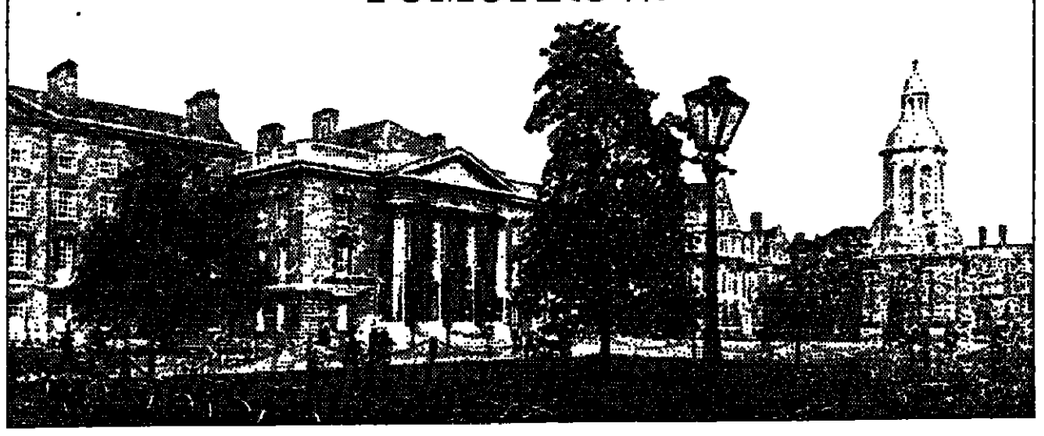
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Friday 16 Dec 7.45 pm QEH	THE BEETHOVEN BIRTHDAY CONCERT The Amadeus Piano Trio, Norbert Brainin (vln), Martin Lovett (cel), Arnaldo Cohen (pno) Beethoven Trio in C minor Op. 1 No. 3, Trio in E flat Op. 70 No. 2, Trio in B flat Op. 97 (Archduke) £10, £7.50, £6, £4.50, £2.50 The London Society of Chamber Music
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Sunday 11 Dec NB: starting time: 4 pm	TRAGICOMEDIA. Early Music & Baroque Series. David Cordier countertenor Erin Headley lirone Andrew Lawrence-King harp Stephen Stubbs theorbo Natus est Jesus — Christmas music by Byrd, Praetorius, Gagliano, Grandi, Carissimi, Schütz, Purcell, Bach etc. £8, £5, £4, £3 Robert White Artist Mgt.
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Wednesday 14 Dec 7.30 pm	JUILLIARD QUARTET. Chamber Music Series. Mozart: String Quartet in B flat K. 589; Elliott Carter; Quartet No 4, Beethoven: Quartet in E minor Op. 59 No. 2 "Rasumovsky". £8, £7, £6, £5
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Sunday 18 Dec NB: starting time: 4 pm	VILLIERS PIANO QUARTET. Mozart: Piano Quartet in G minor K478; Beethoven: "Eyeglass" duet in E flat Op. 32 for viola and cello; Schubert: Sonatina in D for violin and piano D384, Schumann: Piano Quartet in E flat Op. 47. £6, £5, £4, £3 Seven Muses
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Five by five—the best of the year



JOHN HIGGINS

It has been a thin year for Italian opera. But the meagre output does at least contain one outstanding set: Giuseppe Sinopoli's interpretation of **Madama Butterfly** (DG 423 567-2). There have been complaints about his slow tempi, but these are more than allowable when they result in performances of the calibre of Carreras's Pinkerton and Freni in the title role. She sang it very well for Karajan in 1974; she sings it superlatively for Sinopoli in the operatic issue of the year.

EMI's principal successes have been in German repertoire and, as in the case of DG's *Butterfly*, they have been achieved through choosing the right conductor. Haitink's start to EMI's first *Ring* on disc, with **Die Walküre** (CDS 749534 2) is far more auspicious than was his Covent Garden opening with *Rheingold*. But then in the studios he was not lumbered with Lyubimov's shaky production fitted out with even shakier sets. So, with the Bavarian Radio Orchestra sounding as though they know far more about Wagner than their London counterparts, the *Walküre* became lustrous. And the cast, led by James Morris, Cheryl Studer and Eva Marton, responded with some equally lustrous singing.

Studer and the Bavarians are equally impressive in Richard Strauss's **Die Frau ohne Schatten** (EMI CDS 749074 2). The cast is not consistently effective, but here is *Frau* complete under the guiding hand of Wolfgang Sawallisch. A fitting tribute to a summer in which he let the Munich Festival gorge itself on Strauss.

Also from EMI came **Showboat** (CDS 7 49108), first of a series of musicals planned on their label. It came packaged with rather too much Jerome Kern scholarship, coupled with a massive appendix of all the numbers that were cut into or out of the score according to demand. All this obscured just how enjoyable Kern's music is, especially the first half hour and especially when performed by singers as disarming as Frederica von Stade (Magnolia) and Jerry Hadley (Ravenal).

Not just guilt feelings at having chosen four fat multi-disc issues turn me to **Yvonne Printemps: Airs et mélodies** (EMI CDM 7 69541 2). She had two famous husbands — Sacha Guitry and Pierre Fresnay — and both make brief appearances on this collection, which concentrates on the languorous, half-sexy world of French operetta. Or perhaps Frenchified operettas, because by far the largest section is devoted to *Les Trois Valses* of Oscar Straus. It began life in Zurich as *Drei Walzer*, but it took Paris, Printemps and Fresnay to make it famous. The Printemps soprano did not have much range — she makes heavy weather of "Dites-lui" from Offenbach's *La Grande Duchesse de Gérolstein* — but give her a waltz, which is exactly what Oscar Straus did with a little help from his close namesakes the two Johanns, and she will charm every officer away from regimental duty.

RICHARD MORRISON

If I were spending Christmas on a tropical island, which unfortunately I am not, I would certainly feel paradise to be incomplete without **Mahler's Fourth Symphony** in the astonishing live concert recording made by Leonard Bernstein and the Concertgebouw Orchestra (DG 423 607-4). The Concertgebouw strings have never sounded silkier; Bernstein offers a magnificently passionate interpretation without overdoing the Bernsteinisms, and — a masterstroke — he uses a boy treble to sing the "child's vision of Heaven".

As a kind of purge after this sumptuous stuff, one should definitely have the **Hilliard Ensemble's** recording of Tallis's severe but sublime *Lamentations* (ECM/New Note 833 308-1), one of the most thoughtful interpretations in a bumper year for Renaissance choral recordings. At our end of history, several recordings of John Adams's colourful music now present the acceptable face of minimalism; the whole of his opera *Nixon in China* is currently on disc, but I prefer the related orchestral suite, **The Chairman Dances**, which the admirable Edo De Waart conducts on Nonesuch (979 144-1).

Finally, two phenomenal instrumentalists. **Alfred Brendel** finds a stark, almost macabre grandeur in Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* (Philips, 420 156-2); and the precociously gifted Swedish trumpeter **Hakan Hardenberger** — still in his mid-twenties — has produced a disc of trumpet concertos, including Haydn and Hummel, which will set rival brass players quivering with envy from Grimethorpe Colliery to New Orleans.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

First something seasonal: the latest record from the excellent Tallis Scholars under Peter Phillips is devoted to **Sarum chant** (Gimell CDGIM 017), including most of the First Mass of Christmas. It is perhaps misleading to make so much of the Salisbury connection when a lot of the music is identical with that for the Roman rite (even our old friend *Veni Creator Spiritus* turns up, setting a Christmas hymn), but the singing is admirable, allowing the lines to unfold with musical naturalness in the splendid acoustic of Merton Chapel, Oxford. There are also real English specialities here, in the troped Kyrie and the extraordinary antiphonal chant from Isaiah with commentaries. And the record benefits from a tactful approach to liturgical reconstruction: the singers maintain a noble objectivity, and they leave out the boring bits.

From the sublime to the searing and the sharp-witted. For me the operas of the year have been **Wozzeck** (DG 423 587-2) and **Nixon in China** (Nonesuch 9 79177-2). Abbado, in Deutsche Grammophon's recording from the Vienna State Opera, makes one wonder again at Berg's achievement of such expressive force, such dramatic inevitability and such intensity of characterization with the dots and dashes of his musical arcana. This outstanding performance makes the opera appear, like the worst nightmares, uncanny in every particular and yet more real than reality.

On the other hand John Adams's opera revels in being a dream vision of people who had trouble with reality in real life: a marketing image of marketing images.

Among recordings of more standard repertory, nothing that has come my way is more thoughtful than the set of **Brahms: Three violin sonatas** performed by Gidon Kremer and Valery Afanassiev (DG 423 619-2). The playing by both musicians is not merely fine: it challenges one notions of how 19th-century music can be realized, opposing to "authenticity" an approach cognisant of what separates us from the past, wary of obvious solutions. A violin sonata by Busoni, also included, provides further intelligence and enlightenment.

But what the thinking stocking really needs this Christmas is the first recording of two mighty, tempestuous, abundantly but never easily beautiful works by **Jean Barraqué**, his Concerto and his cantata of nocturnal illumination and anguish *Le temps restitué* (Harmonia Mundi 905 199). Paul Méfano, whose grasp of this music and its importance is unequalled, conducts.

RICHARD WILLIAMS

This was, above all, the year in which the death of Gil Evans provoked widespread sadness, largely prompted by the feeling that a 75-year-old man had left behind him a sense of incompleteness, of work still to be done.

The procession of reissues and barrel-scrapings customarily triggered by such a departure was dominated by **The Individualism of Gil Evans** (Verve 833804-2), a new 68-minute compact disc edition of a famous early-Sixties album. This, with the bonus of important unreleased tracks, is the one that does him justice.

New to our ears are this version of "Proclamation", its veils of sound parting to reveal solos from Wayne Shorter's tenor saxophone and Evans's piano; a charming treatment of Bob Dorough's "Nothing Like You"; and an unedited version of Evans's eerie arrangement of "Spoonful", Willie Dixon's blues standard.

More familiar are such titles as "Las Vegas Tango" and "El Toreador" — and, in particular, Evans's recasting of Kurt Weill's "The Barbara Song" as a uniquely languorous tone poem into which, in an entrance worthy of a great thespian, sidles Wayne Shorter, whose solo issues from his tenor saxophone like plumes of pale smoke, rising and disappearing in a single graceful motion, blending into the written arrangement so cunningly that it is almost impossible to determine where one begins and the other ends.

The inclusion of four previously unheard tracks makes RCA Bluebird's new edition of Duke Ellington's **And His Mother Called Him Bill** (ND 86287) a further example of the creative use of the CD format. Recorded in 1967, in the immediate aftermath of the death of Billy Strayhorn, Ellington's much loved collaborator, the album sings with a peculiarly exalted form of grief. No man ever had a more heartfelt elegy than Ellington contrives, with the aid of Johnny Hodges's alto saxophone, in the extraordinary ballad called "Blood Count".

From big bands to a solo performer: **Private City** (ECM 1366) is the latest in the series of albums in which John Surman, the British multi-instrumentalist (saxophones, woodwind, synthesizers), explores the possibilities of overdubbing. Miraculously, he may have discovered the first authentically British strain of jazz, a very personal but gloriously natural and melodic idiom which deserves to be far better known.

Luther Vandross's **Any Love** (Epic 462908), as soulful as it is polished, was the pop-music experience of the year, matching superlative singing with such cameos as the co-producer Marcus Miller's astonishingly subtle bass-playing on a ballad called "The Second Time Around".

Full of fire and intelligence, Rubén Blades's **Antecedente** (Elektra 960795) marked the Panamanian singer's successful return to his salsa roots after the disappointment of his flirtation with rock earlier in the year.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Following the oddly moving "Fairytale of New York", the Pogues unleashed the vividly inspired **If I Should Fall From Grace With God** (Pogue Mahone NYR 1). It was a typically rambunctious collection which spiked an already volatile cocktail of traditional folk and post-punk rock with a gleeful riot of cross-cultural colour. The album worked a rich seam of rebellious invective and black humour, and even allowing for Shane MacGowan's wheezingly incompetent singing, it was an imaginative *tour de force*.

The return to acoustic basics was a welcome theme of the year. Despite the dour tone of her album, Tracy Chapman enjoyed an astounding rise to worldwide prominence after her appearance at the Nelson Mandela concert on June 11, while Michelle Shocked scored a deserved turntable hit with the beguiling "Anchorage". But for me it was Tanita Tikaram's **Ancient Heart** (WEA WX 210) which best articulated the possibilities of the acoustic renaissance. Within nine months of being discovered, singing to the accompaniment of her own guitar in the Mean Fiddler's Acoustic room, Tikaram released a debut album which boasted an embarrassment of diverse and exquisitely-woven textures.

For a while it looked as if the U2 backlash was just around the corner, and certainly the **Rattle And Hum** movie turned out to be a laughable farrago of coy pretensions and wasted opportunities. But the double-album soundtrack (Island U 27) which preceded it was nevertheless a brilliant patchwork of old, new, live and even blues material which found the hottest rock'n'roll band in the world on a belated quest to acquire some roots. The tom-tom driven, two-chord masterpiece "When Love Comes to Town" featured the year's most heroic recorded performance, courtesy of the stout-hearted BB King.

Acid House was a washout, but hip hop consolidated its previous advances. For mastery of technique and an incandescent fury which continually reminds me of the early attitude of the Who, there was nothing to touch Public Enemy's **It Takes A Nation Of Millions To Hold Us Back** (Def Jam DEF 462415). With its vitriolic black power message, deep funk rhythms and discordant siren and klaxon horn noises, this record was an ugly and hugely exhilarating distillation of the brute force and primal energy which one would like to think remains at the core of rock.

The music's old outlaws have of course mellowed, and none more gracefully than Keith Richards whose solo debut, **Talk Is Cheap** (Virgin V 2554), was a commercial disappointment but a quiet triumph for the ageing artist in rock. Its rogueish appeal hinged on the warm, natural sounds and a selection of hang-tough riffs and darkly soulful melodies, each with its own rather battered but honest charm. The album has matured over the months, like the bourbon which fuelled its making.

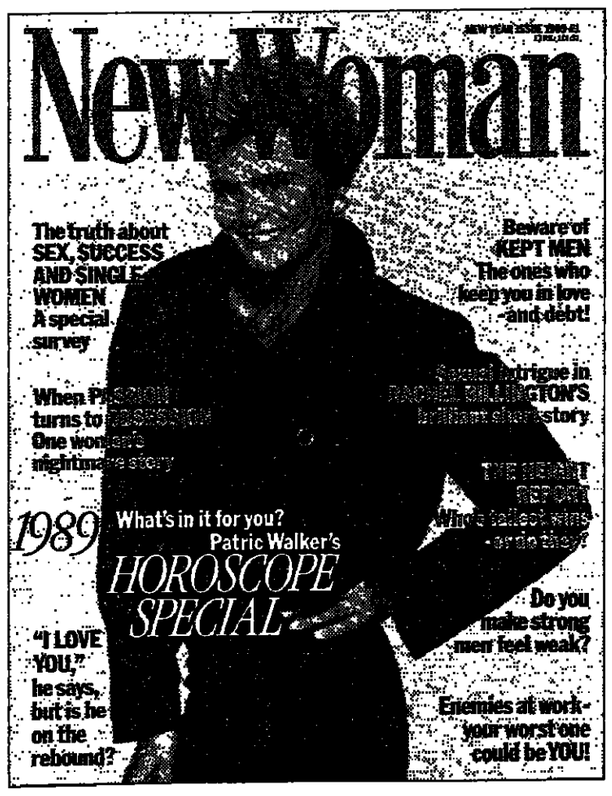
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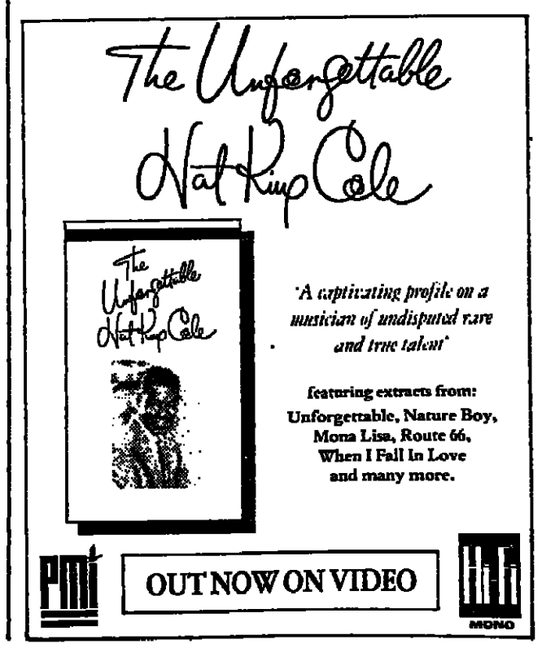
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THEATRE

LONDON

ELECTRA: Deborah Warner directs Kenneth McLeish's translation of the Sophocles play, with Fiona Shaw and David O'Hara.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (01-638 8891). Previews from Wed. Opens Dec 20.

FUENTE OVEJUNA: Declan Donellan directs Adrian Mitchell's adaptation of Lope de Vega's 1612 drama of a village rebelling against a tyrant. With Jim Barclay, Katharine Schlesinger, Tam Dean Burn, David Beames, James Laurenson and Patrick Drury.
Cottesloe, National Theatre (01-928 2252). Previews from Thurs. Opens Jan 10.

MY ARMY: Theatre de Complicite premiere of Tim Barlow's one-man show about his 15 years as a soldier and how he became an actor.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Opens Mon.

STICKY FINGERS: New musical by Michael Ellis, set in an advertising agency. Directed by Yvonne Brewster, with Alan Cooke, Amanda Symonds, Lucy Aston, Winston Crooke, Louise Jameson and Nicholas Le Prevost.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (01-226 1916). Previews from Tues. Opens Dec 19.

OUT OF TOWN

BURY ST EDMUNDS: A Midsummer Night's Dream/The Beaux' Stratagem: RSC touring company, directed by Bill Buffery and Clifford Williams, featuring Raad Rawi, Jennie Stoller, Suzy Aitchison, Peter Andrew, Roger Walker.
Sports Hall, County Upper School (0284 69505). In repertory Mon-Dec 17.

FILMS

SUNSET (15): Improbable Hollywood tale from writer-director Blake Edwards. With Bruce Willis as silent Western star Tom Mix and James Garner as Wyatt Earp, working together to solve a murder mystery.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631), from Fri.

JUST ASK FOR DIAMONDS (U): British private eye spoof aimed at children, originally called *The Falcon's Malteser* (the crooks' eyes are on a box of confectionary). With Dursley McLinden, Susannah York: from the director of *Coming Up Roses*, Stephen Bayly.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), from Fri.

TELEVISION

GREYHOUND: Documentary on Nick and Natalie Savva, breeders of champion greyhounds, as their latest proteges are launched into the big time.
ITV, Tues, 10.35pm.

HISTORY BOYS ON THE RAMPAGE: *Arena* film which follows the Irish touring theatre company, Field Day, with Brian Friel's new play, *Making History*.
BBC2, Fri, 9.30-10.30pm.

RADIO

COMPOSERS OF THE WEEK: Goes to Hollywood for the film music of the great Central European expatriates, Erich Korngold, Miklos Rosza and Max Steiner.
Radio 3, Mon-Fri, 8.35-9.35pm.

BEYOND PERSONALITY: A memoir of the writer C. S. Lewis, who died 25 years ago, with contributions from George Sayer, his biographer, and the Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford.
Radio 4, 11.02-11.47am.

FILMS ON TV

GUNS IN THE AFTERNOON (1962): Sam Peckinpah's fine, autumnal western with Randolph Scott and Joel McCrea as ageing gunslingers on their final mission.
BBC2, Tues, 6-7.30pm.

BUILD MY GALLOWS HIGH (1947) Robert Mitchum as the ex-private eye succumbing to bad, beautiful Jane Greer in Jacques Tourneur's stylish thriller, a classic of *film noir*.
BBC2, Fri, 12.05-1.50am.

ROCK

NATALIE COLE: Soul-diva daughter of Nat King Cole.
Thurs and Fri, Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081).

A roaring welcome home



In contrast to the careful censorship and rationing of official information during the 1982 war, a new exhibition of artworks inspired by the Falklands conflict is long on unofficial, subjective interpretations. This is partly unavoidable because only one artist, illustrator Linda Kitson, was permitted to be present in the South Atlantic. She was the first official female war artist but, being a woman, was not allowed on warships. She was therefore restricted to recording routine preparations on the sea voyage south and, following the San Carlos invasion, the banalities between battles. Besides Kitson's drawings, the show contains various photographs, such as those of Martin Cleaver. Independent commentary or criticism is left to cartoonists such as Steve Bell and Gerald Scarfe and satirical artists like Jock McFadyen, whose painting "With Singing Hearts . . . Throaty Roarings" is shown left. Inspired by the jubilant crowds who gathered at Portsmouth to welcome home the Task Force, this picture exposes an ugly, bellicose side of nationalism. *The Falklands Factor: Representations of a Conflict* opens today at Manchester City Art Gallery (061 236 9422) and will run until January 22. ***David Lee***

BRYAN FERRY: Milk Tray man from Roxy Music.
Tonight, SECC, Glasgow (041 248 3000); tomorrow, G-Mex, Manchester (061 834 2700); Tues, RDS, Dublin (0001 680645); Thurs and Fri, London Palladium, W1 (01-437 7373).

JAZZ

SIMON PURCELL: The young pianist's quartet includes the lyrical Julian Arguelles on saxophone.
Bass Clef, London N1 (01-729 2476) tomorrow.

IS RADIO FAIR TO JAZZ?: Launch of an Association of British Jazz Musicians campaign, with music from Mick Hutton, Microgroove, Terry Lightfoot and Roadside Picnic.
100 Club, London W1 (01-636 0933) Mon.

GALLERIES

LAETITIA YHAP: Paintings of Hastings fishermen by a major figurative painter.
Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne (0323 411688). From today.

LOUISE SHERIDAN: Recent paintings of myth and dream.
Worcester Art Gallery (0905 25371). From today.

SOFT ART: Fifty large textile sculptures by eight leading contemporary French artists.
Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 4141) From Wed.

CIRCUS! CIRCUS!: A history of Big Top art and performance.
Theatre Museum, Covent Garden, London WC1 (01-836 7891). From Thurs.

PHOTOGRAPHY

DRUM: South Africa during the 1950s is the subject of these photographs from the magazine *Drum*.
Impressions Gallery, 17 Colliergate, York (0904 654724) until Jan 21.

DANCE

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Christmas season in their home theatre opens Tues until Dec 31. Programme for the first week is Bintley's *The Snow Queen*.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916).

ROYAL BALLET: *Cinderella* joins the repertoire (Wed, Fri) until Jan 14. Today, two more performances of *The Sleeping Beauty*; on Mon, Sylvie Guillem is guest star in *Apollo* and *Grand Pas Classique*, with *Spirit of Fugue* and *Month in the Country* completing the bill.
Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

OPERA

OPERA NORTH: Philip Prowse's *Pearl Fishers*, first seen at ENO, opens tonight at 7.15pm with Anne Dawson, Arthur Davies and Sergei Leiferkus. Also on Thurs and Sat December 17. Prowse's *Aida* returns on Fri, with Janice Cairns.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Rimsky-Korsakov's magical Ukranian fairytale opera, *Christmas Eve*, receives its first British staging this week in David Pountney's production at the Coliseum. First night Wed at 7.30pm. This afternoon (2.30pm) and this evening (7.30pm), Jonathan Miller's *Mikado* (also Thurs); and Philip Glass's *The Making of the Representative for Planet 8* on Tues and Fri at 7.30pm.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

CONCERTS

ST FRANCOIS: Massed vocal and instrumental forces gather under the baton of Kent Nagano for the first complete UK performance of Messiaen's *St Francois d'Assise*. This is staged by Michael Rennison and given in the presence of the composer, whose 80th birthday falls today.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Today, 5pm.

FLAMING STILL: As yet another contribution to "Shostakovich: Music from the Flames", Rostropovich conducts the LSO in Shostakovich's Symphonies Nos 3 and 11.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.



STILL RELUCTANT: "The Reluctant Revolutionary" reaches Schoenberg's 5 Orchestral Pieces Op 16, heard from the RPO under Andre Previn (above). Then the Brighton Festival Chorus and soloists are added for Brahms's Requiem.
Festival Hall. Mon, 7.30pm.

RARE QUARTET: Rare visitors, the Juilliard Quartet play Mozart's Quartet K 589, Beethoven's Quartet Op 59 No 2 and Elliott Carter's Quartet No 4. Tomorrow they offer Haydn, Janacek and again Beethoven.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St. London, W1 (01-935 2141) Wed 7.30pm.

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BOOKS

Mud, foxes and jolly folly

Byron Rogers, who abhors hunting, was still charmed by tales of Jorrocks

For the last month I have been, like Mr John Jorrocks, a man tormented by foxes. Everywhere I go in the lanes around my Northamptonshire home I come on parked horseboxes from which the contents are being removed like wealthy invalids, with idiot hounds milling around them. Indoors, with the curtains drawn, I have been reading my way sturdily through books with titles like *Young Tom Hall, his Heartaches and Horses*, books so full of mud and foxes that the latter have been coming in through one ear and out the other so that again like Mr Jorrocks, "I fancy I sees them grinnin' at me from all parts of the bed curtains, and even sittin' upon the counterpane . . ."

Is it possible to like anything by an author whose values you do not share? The School of English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford used to torment those dreamers who had strayed into its purlieus with examination questions like that. Is it possible to enjoy the film spectaculars sponsored by the late Dr Goebbels, or those heroic poems where death and killing prompt the earliest sporting literature?

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Ah, trying to answer examination questions like that, as Philip Larkin wrote in another context, brings the priest and the doctor running over the fields in their long coats. The fields, the fields, THE FIELDS again. For there is only one answer. Yes.

Time that with this strange excuse
Pardoned Kipling and his views,
And will pardon Paul Claudel,
Pardons him for writing well.

Mr Jorrocks, a wholesale grocer turned MFH, has been thrown by his horse while out hunting. Earlier they had strayed into the Wild Wood which has fascinated writers from *Gawaine and The Green Knight* to *Wind in the Willows*. But this is how Surtees dispenses with the Wild Wood. "Where the wet stood, moss grey, aguish-looking trees were dying by the middle, while higher up the oaks battled with the briars and other smothering rubbish. Our Master, however, was too busy to observe anything of the sort – all he knew was, that it was werry bad riding."

Jorrocks falls into black sludge and in taking stock of his condition, mutters: "Nothin' but rushes, and grass that Nebuchadnezzr 'imself would turn up his nose at." He had won me as soon as I read that. I knew then that I could put up with the whole platoon of foxes being torn apart. It is a terrible thing, a sense of humour.

Again, what other Victorian writer among all those wary masters of his time could have written this little exchange? Jorrocks returns home, covered with mud, and a Mrs Blash says scornfully, "Hut! He's always on his back, that old feller.

" 'Not 'alf as often as you are, old gal!' retorted the now indignant Mr Jorrocks . . . "

Reviewers of *Handley Cross* found it "coarse", as Raymond Carr says in his foreword. Even half a century later the *DNB* was still muttering that the coarseness was only redeemed by "the brilliantly humorous sketches of John Leech" (who had based Jorrocks on a coachman he had seen in church). Jorrocks eats "Jest fish, and steak and fizzant. Cod and hoister sauce, say – and perhaps a couple o' dozen hoisters to begin with – jest as a whet, you know." He also consumes port (three bottles being his usual mark) and champagne. Where the mud ends in these books the food begins.

It is that side of 19th-century life which, as Orwell noted, Dickens never touched. "The boxing, racing, cock-fighting, badger-digging, poaching, rat-catching side of life, so wonderfully embalmed in Leech's illustrations to Surtees."

It is the host in *Hawbuck Grange* who, when a guest says "Stop" when brandy is being poured for him, retorts: "What's the top of the glass for, d'ye think?" Or Jorrocks and his huntsman Pigg, both drunk, and Pigg, opening a window to see what the weather is like, says "Hellish dark and smells of cheese." He has stuck his head in a cupboard.

When the hunting and the boozing falter you do sometimes get an outline of the outside world, in *Jorrocks's Jaunts and Jollities*, a London where men intent on a day's hunting could meet in Covent Garden and ride out to the Surrey Hills. Appropriately, London is seen through a fog. They pass at seven in the morning pot-boys, Welsh milk-maids, coach washers, mail coaches, and newspaper boys crying out. Surtees writes so breezily and so knowingly for his own time that the books would be none the worse for a few notes.

In *Handley Cross*, before Jorrocks crashes on to the scene, we find a Midlands spa town in its beginning with its quack doctors, masters of ceremonies, and mammas. After Jorrocks comes it is all mud and foxes, booze and clothes (Surtees was interested in what men wore).

But the fascination of the books does not lie in any of these things, but in their innocence. The 16-stone Jorrocks and the cadaverous Pigg are simple men who live for just one thing: hunting. There is nothing else. The other world which has plots in its novels, where lives are complicated and love and death intrude, falls away as you follow them into the field. There are hiccups, as when Jorrocks is temporarily judged a lunatic (he saves himself when in answer to the Chancellor's question as to how many legs a sheep has, he asks "Dead or alive?") but he triumphs.

This is an heroic world.

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The statistics alone command respect: 1,300 pages containing about 4,500 articles and 1,800 recording lists; 11 pages on harmony, nine on improvisation; not to mention four lines on the La Oreja night club. La Oreja, for those not familiar with Buenos Aires, is the city's principal modern jazz club. Even the wretched Barbican Centre has its moment of glory.

Naturally, there is enough detail to keep even the most devout buff occupied for years. I can also foresee a rash of arguments over whether the likes of Bunk Johnson and Ray Conniff deserve quite so much space. Barry Kernfeld can afford to ignore the carping. His real achievement, after all, is to have put together a coherent picture of an art-form that has taken on so many contradictory guises. Apart from the basic musical theory, each major instrument receives detailed attention, while James Lincoln Collier's magisterial 26-page piece on general developments is a sound historical survey. The entries on individual musicians are broadly uncontentious. Gunther Schuller's appraisal of Ornette Coleman's career – sympathetic, but sceptical where necessary – is fairly typical of the house-style.

In all, this is jazz research at its most impressive. "Definitive" is a dangerous praise to use about any reference book. In this case, Kernfeld and his team have earned it.

Death and dames

PAPERBACKS
Richard Williams

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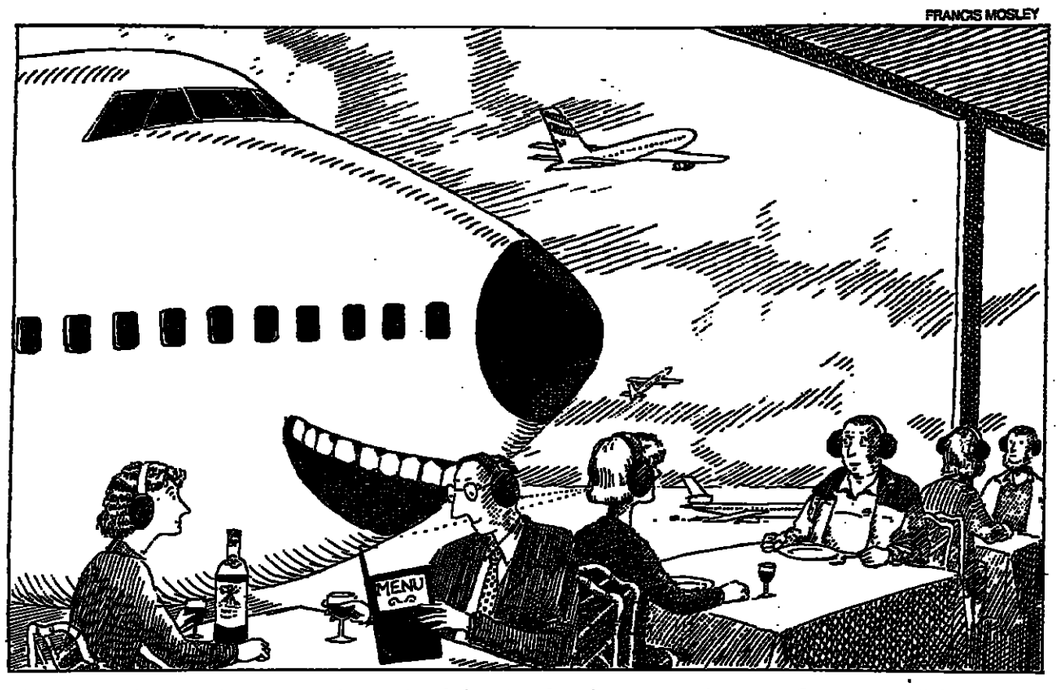
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EATING OUT

When is a treat not a treat? **Jonathan Meades** investigates elevated haunts of 'special' meals

In the clubland manner

FRANCIS MOSLEY



There are treats and then there are "treats", the latter being those which broadly fit into the nationwide programme of indiscrimination that is called the Christmas Season. In other words, they are vaguely traditional, strenuously English, preferably old or oldish — keywords for spotters to watch for are Jermyn Street, handmade, bespoke, as in "handmade cravats and bespoke braces by Law and Sons of Jermyn Street". (The fact that Law and Sons trade from a corrugated plastic shed on an industrial "park" in Kettering should faze no one.) Sometimes it is possible for a "treat" to mutate into a treat. This was not perhaps the case with last year's "treats", the Connaught and the Ritz, which fulfilled the main condition of their state in being more interesting to boast of having been to than actually to eat in.

Boulestin fulfils all the conditions — the French name is no disqualification; after all, Ritz hardly suggests the shires. No, these names are fine, for they suggest an era of private, imported chefs. Furthermore, Boulestin is very expensive indeed. This helps, and the good news is that one can just about dispense with quote marks and allow that Boulestin is a treat, *tout court*.

There are, however, a number of factors that might temper the enthusiasm of even the place's most eager devotee. I guess, of course, that such a devotee, being known to the staff, would not be "greeted" with the sniffy disdain we had to suffer. When he reluctantly agreed that we had booked he had us shown to a table the size of a breakfast tray. For the rest, the service was amiable — it needed to be.

There is an impressive young French *sommelier* who both knows his stuff and exhibits a genuinely friendly enthusiasm. And when Kevin Kennedy, the chef, served a too-rare steak, he emerged from the kitchen to apologise with great courtesy. This is not to say that the service is perfect, or anything like it. There seem to be an awful lot of waiters hanging about in a state of under-employment and the waits between courses are tiresomely protracted. I suppose this is intended to give the Colleague time to look about him (the clientele was predominately masculine) and be impressed.

It *is* undoubtedly impressive in a clubland manner. The large, long basement is done out in the colours of autumn or of a nicotine-stained finger.

The cooking makes one wonder if the reaction to nouvelle cuisine is not just a bit out of hand: take, for instance, a first course of fried foie gras and caramelized pears; both parts of the dish were fine. Nothing more was needed. So what happens? A heavy cream sauce is what happens. It really could not have been more inappropriate; it was a well made sauce but redundant.

A similar excess was evident in two other dishes: sweetbreads which were bullied into submission by a rich and aggressive meat sauce and tournedos Rossini à l'ancienne whose sauce was not quite so aggressive but was nevertheless showily strong, like a muscle-rippling body-builder. The impression was of a determination to render everything as unlike home cooking as possible — this is cooking for the "special occasion". It's not a genre with which I have much sympathy, but I have to allow that this place does it as well as anywhere.

The notion of the seasons of the year does not impinge on this kind of cooking: an asparagus *feuilleté* in December seems odd, especially when the asparagus (presumably from Chile or California) is not as good as native stuff. Similarly, the fruits served with a priapic looking brandy snap seemed to ignore the weather. I mean that the ability to get everything all the year round prompts a too easy gratification.

Cheeses, thankfully, *are* responsive to season and those served here are very impressive, notably a Munster and a Carre de l'Est. The rather pretentious wine list, which insists on calling New Zealand "Nouvelle Zelande" and on including generalized notes which are meant to flatter the Colleague, is, predictably enough, strong on clarets and equally predictably very eagerly marked up. With two aperitifs, a kir Royale and Pineau de Charentes (which clocked in at £11) a bottle of Côte Rotie La Viaillere '82 and one glass of Sauternes, the bill was £124. It is a place to *dine* in rather than to *eat* in and so long as you accept that it is more or less unexceptionable, a treat provided that you are after grandiosity rather than top-notch cooking.

BOULESTIN
★★★★
1a Henrietta Street, London, WC2 (01-836 7061). 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri and 7.30-11.15pm Mon-Sat.
Grand old-fashioned basement. Tournedos Rossini, sweetbreads with a heavy meat sauce, extravagant sweets, good wines and mostly amiable service. £124. All major cards. Wear a tie.

An airport, a Hilton Hotel. The combination of the two hardly spells treat, indeed it promises very little at all. Quite what Gatwick has done to deserve the **Garden Restaurant** in its ugly Hilton is anybody's guess: it is commendable, and would be whatever its circumstances. It is not merely worthwhile by the standards of airports but by any standards. It may be in an airport, but it is not of it; indeed it works hard to make you forget what's outside.

It is done out like the interior of a marquee and is oddly summery: plants grow from every possible surface; the bamboo chairs have legs like Toulouse-Lautrec's: the ceiling is stripped with Swiss yodelling wood going hither and thither at odd angles as if in deliberate disobedience to the strictly orthogonal lines of the room. I'm not sure what it adds up to, but airport is not the answer.

Now, the punters. The things people wear to travel in! Neither utility nor elegance is served by cotton jersey creations in, say, six colours with a special spectrum for pocket linings and funny hoods. But a lot of people are dressed more or less normally; they are not pretending to be children. From which I deduce that they are not travellers at all but the cream of Crawley, le tout Reigate, the beau monde of East Grinstead. The locals come here to eat, to an airport. This is rather heartening for it shows that it is the grub they come for, rather than the view or the poshness. The grub is, as I imply, well worth coming for and anyone travelling from Gatwick is advised to leave early and put in a bit of knife and fork work here before entrusting themselves to the airlines.

The cooking is light, nourishing, considered and far more waywardly original than one might expect of a Hilton. There is a fine first course of freshly made thin noodles with a delicately flavoured and weighted sauce of sweetbreads, chicken and basil; grouse is served off the bone with a celeriac purée, a pear poached in wine, a *feuilleté* of boletus and garlic. This was a serious and seriously impressive dish.

The cheeses, too, are simply not what you count on in such places; they are mainly Burgundian and included a splendid Epoisses and a not much less splendid Tomme de Bourgogne. With two aperitifs, a bottle of Alastian Pinot Noir (served chilled) and a glass of pudding wine the bill was £57. This was an unmitigated treat — unexpected, consistently pleasurable, and so obscure that you can boast about it.

GARDEN RESTAURANT
★★★★★★
Gatwick Hilton, Gatwick Airport, West Sussex (0293 518080). 12-2.30pm and 6-11pm every day.
Astonishing. The cooking is highly accomplished — fresh thin noodles with sweetbreads, chicken and basil; outstanding grouse with celeriac purée; marvellously pungent Burgundian cheeses. £70. All major cards. Hotel facilities.

COLLECTING

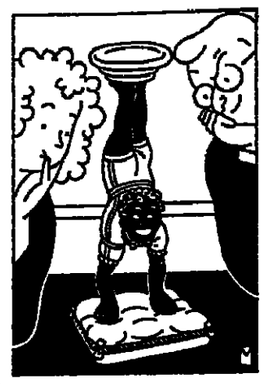
Slave labour

"Delightful, isn't he?" said the owner. "I have to keep him hidden away in the attic because someone told Hugo the child is a Black slave and that to own such a symbol of oppression is racist. But no one objects to the white marble figures of Greek maidens holding up the drawing room mantelpiece, and that is harder work than standing on your hands."

"*True,*" agreed the valuer, "*but I knew a dealer in New York who displayed a pair of blackamoor figures in his gallery window, and promptly got a brick thrown through it.*"

"Blackamoors? Is that what you call them?"

"*Sometimes they're described as Nubians — especially the buxom females. Some confusion of thought between Nubian and nubile, perhaps.*"



"Do the girls do handstands, too?"

"*They and their male companions are usually upright on pedestals, holding torches aloft — proud, colourful characters in brilliantly lacquered costumes with turbans. The boys who adopt acrobatic poses are impudent and amusing; Black pages were fashionable in the 17th and 18th centuries, until the abolitionist movement got under way and George II had to advise his daughter-in-law that it was no longer the done thing.*"

"He sounds just like Hugo. But is ours as old as that?"

"*My guess is that it dates from about 1820, but blackamoors have been made in Venice, and other places too, since the late 17th century, right down to the present. Only a few years ago, reproductions were being made in Italy from redundant French telegraph poles.*"

"Perhaps that's why I always get answered by a gondolier when I try to dial a Paris number. But what was the purpose of this object, always assuming one's husband allowed one to use it?"

"*Originally, it was called a guéridon, after an African entertainer who came to France in the 17th century. When he died, the Provençales wrote a song about him, and named a torch-bearing character in a ballet after him — as well as candlestands of blackamoor type. Later, any small table that would hold a lamp came to be called a guéridon.*"

"And are they all as jazzed up with paint and gilding as this one?"

"*Most are dressed in highly decorative costume, but some are nude except for a loin cloth, and much more like the slaves who laboured in the plantations. A famous group of furniture, now at Ca' Rezzonico in Venice, was carved by Andrea Brustolon between 1690 and 1723, using solid ebony for figures of slaves in chains — very sombre and dignified. The true blackamoors — the Moors — have long heads, oval faces, fine features, hooked noses and slender limbs. The Nubians have shorter, straighter noses than the Moors. Some say that thin-lipped blackamoors are 17th century, thick-lipped ones much later, but it's a very unreliable guide. Venice was a major port, and the carvers would have been familiar with many physical types — especially the Turks. The Venetians had been fighting them for centuries, and enjoyed depicting them as slaves.*"

"Turks, too? This is getting very complicated. Any more?"

"*In Regency times, the English produced rather similar figures of Indian soldiers in turbans.*"

"So what is mine? Nubian, blackamoor, Turkish, Indian or what? And how much is he worth?"

"*I think I'd settle for 'blackamoor' as a trade description, and value him at £2,000. That might cheer your husband up a bit.*"

Peter Philp

DIRECTORY

This is a changing selection of restaurants visited in recent months — managements and standards may have changed. Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Dishes described are included to give an indication of the cooking but may well have changed. Prices quoted are for a three-course meal with drinks for two, and are determined according to the "When in Rome" principle: in the case of French places, aperitifs and a bottle of modest wine; tea in the case of oriental ones; beer or lassi in the case of Indian ones and so on. **JM.**

AMERICAN

Jams
42 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-493 3600)
★★★★
Chic Californian restaurant serving wholesome outdoorsy chow that is prepared with refined heartiness. Things are kept pretty simple — grills, sauces made with cooking juices — and only slightly tarted up with flowers on the plate. Sweets are oddly thrombotic and the predominantly Californian wines are mite too fine for the food. £70.

René
11 Whitehall Street, London W1 (01-493 1977/8393)
★★★★
Pricey American joint done out in Seventies repro-Art-Deco-repro. Cooking is strong in grilling: swordfish with hollandaise, beef fillet with Bearnaise. Spaghettini with scallops is good too. Expensive Californian wines. £100.

SWEDISH

Anna's Place
90 Mildmay Park, London N1 (01-249 9379)
★★★★★
Strenuously informal Swedish bistro presided over by the exuberant eponym. The cooking is very fine in a hearty sort of way. Gravad lax is top notch and its fax pudding is one of the nicest rustic dishes in London — layers of salted fish, waxy potatoes and cream. Sweets tend to over-sweetness. Wines are eclectic and very reasonably priced. £40.

Garbo's
42 Crawford Street, London W1 (01-262 6582)
★★★
Swedish cooking, service (which is doggedly inefficient), clientele and pop music. The "national dish", Jansson's Temptation (a gratin of potato, anchovy and cream), is not notably well done. But there is good smoked eel cooked in beer, meat balls in cream, Pripp bear. £27.

ITALIAN

River Café
Thames Wharf, Rainville Road, London W6 (01-385 3344/01-381 8824)
★★★★★★★
This spartan canteen-like dining room serves arguably the finest Italian food in London. The recipes are homely ones, mainly Tuscan and Piedmontese. The ingredients are fine and rustic and allowed to speak for themselves. Bollito misto, salads, rare beef with herby green sauce, bean soup, tomato and bread soup are splendid, so are the wines, and so is the setting. Now open for dinner as well as lunch. £40.

Neal Street Restaurant
26 Neal Street, London WC2 (01-836 8368)
★★★
The long menu promises much, but rarely delivers. The cooking is basically Italian and is certainly fairly inventive in its aspirations. But the execution is not too hot. They make a big noise about wild mushrooms in autumn, but the final product rarely matches the hype. Interestingly eclectic wine list. £80.

Zizni Dolce
112 Cheyne Walk, London SW10 (01-352 7534/1234/01-376 5122)
★★★★★★
Austerely elegant Italian trat. Recommended are: fritto misto of veal brains, sweetbreads, kidney and liver; salmon marinaded in lemon juice and olive oil; raw beef with Parmesan; pheasant breast with porcini and ham; tira mi su. The wines are adequate. £58.

Cecconi's
5a Burlington Gardens, London W1 (01-434 1500 /1509)
★
You can spend a lot of money here without any obligation to actually enjoy the "Italian" food. Prices are preposterous; the cooking, not that it much matters, is mediocre. £85.

L'Incontro
87 Pimlico Road, London SW1 (01-730 6327/3663)
★★★★
Superlative pasta at superlative prices. The place has been mugged by design in a serious way. Apart from the pasta the cooking is run of the mill. The wines are hideously overpriced. £85.

Pinocchio's
160 Eversholt Street, London NW1 (01-388 7482)
★★★★
Tiny black and white place making an effort to get away from Italian catering's norms. The cooking has its ups and downs but the simpler dishes are worth trying. £45.

Vasco and Piero's Pavillion
15 Poland Street, London W1 (01-437 8774)
★★★
Good looking neo-Regency dining room. Fairly ordinary but completely competent Italian cooking — calves liver with sage, steak with green peppercorns, and vitello tonnato. £45.

La Fontana
101 Pimlico Road, London SW1 (01-730 6630)
★★★
Corridor of a restaurant which tries to break the mould. It is gifted at shaving white truffle on to risotto. Bollito misto is unspecial, polenta is dreary, pasta with rarely encountered sauces is more like it. £70.

Pizzeria Castello
20 Wahworth Road, London SE1 (01-703 2556)
★★★★★★
The best pizzas in London by a long way. Big restaurant, ranks of pizza ovens by the door, utilitarian decor. The prices are very low for cooking of such excellence. Drink Colle Secco. £20.

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8a Mount Street, London W1 (01-499 3385/629 5446)
★★★★★
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SALES GUIDE

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IMPORTANT JEWELS: Regency jewelled necklace set with stones of every imaginable hue (estimate £15,000-25,000). A chunky, tasselled, sapphire and diamond necklace and brooch made by Boucheron in 1945 is expected to sell at around £20,000. Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 (01-839 1611). Wed, 10.30am.

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THE TIMES COOK

Hints of the Orient in the mix

Turkey is not the only bird available for the Christmas table. **Frances Bissell** suggests a duck — with stir-fried vegetables

DIANA LEADBETTER



My local butcher has some tempting ducks and geese in his window. They are from a couple of farms in Norfolk and are plump, fresh birds, perfect for the Christmas table. If there are only the two of us we shall have duckling (a four-pounder will be plenty), with some good left-overs. A 6lb/2.70kg bird will feed four amply, if stuffed.

At about £1.20 a pound, they are good value, inexpensive enough for you to splurge out on something luxurious for the first course. If I were cooking for eight or more on Christmas Day, I would choose a goose. These weigh anything from 10 to 16 pounds (4.5 to 7.20 kg) and cost about £2.60 a pound. Prices may rise and availability decrease as Christmas draws near, so that it is worth ordering now, if you have not already done so.

The powerful flavours and rich, succulent texture of geese and ducks are best suited to a stuffing which has plenty of flavour and texture, rather than just a breadcrumb and herb stuffing. Black pudding and apples give the dish a flavour of Normandy. Sauerkraut cooked in white wine is another stuffing suggestion, the sharp, crisp cabbage acting as a foil for the rich, fat-basted meat. Wild rice and duck is another successful combination, the nutty, separate grains absorb some of the flavour of the meat but retain plenty of "bite". Or instead of stuffing the duck with wild rice, cook it and serve it separately.

Oriental flavours are my favourite partners for duck and recent experiments have led me to marinade a duck overnight in a mixture of soy sauce, honey and vinegar, stuffing it with a richly flavoured, glutinous rice mixture and roasting it until the skin is crisp and dark.

Oysters are, for me, inextricably linked with winter festivities. My oyster dish this Christmas is a layered pie of potatoes, spinach and oysters, with the oysters buried in the centre so that they do not overcook. Serve it as a main course on Christmas Eve, as a substantial starter on Christmas Day or as part of a buffet over the holidays.

As an alternative to the Christmas pud, I might, once again, look back to when I lived in France and make a "bûche de Noel", a Christmas log. It is so easy to make that one year I did a Christmas branch, making six sponges, filling and rolling them and shaping them as a knotted branch. It was a very effective finale.

Potato and oyster pie
(Serves 4 to 6)

- 4oz/110g butter
- 2lb/0.90kg potatoes
- 1lb/455g fresh spinach leaves
- 1pt/570ml shucked oysters, or as many as you can afford
- freshly ground black pepper
- cayenne pepper
- 6 sheets filo pastry

Butter a deep, rectangular oven-proof dish. Scrub and parboil the potatoes until just yielding and tender. When cool enough to handle, thinly slice them. Wash the spinach in several changes of water, remove the central stem if tough. Blanch the spinach by draping the leaves, if they are large, over a colander and pouring boiling water over them. If small, put in a large pan of boiling water, for 30 seconds, then drain, rinse and thoroughly dry them.

Arrange a thick layer of potatoes in the bottom of the dish. Season lightly. Spread half the spinach leaves over the potatoes, and dot with butter. Arrange the oysters on top and cover with the rest of the spinach, more butter and seasoning, and then top with six sheets of filo pastry, each one brushed lightly with melted butter and laid on separately. Tuck the edges of the pastry inside the rim of the dish, and bake in the centre of a moderately hot oven, gas mark 4-5, 180-190°C/350-375°F for 40 minutes.

Roast duck with glutinous rice stuffing
(Serves 4)

You should start preparation the day before.

- 6lb/2.70kg duck

For the marinade:

- ¼pt/140ml rice wine or dry sherry
- 3 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp clear honey
- 1 tbsp rice or sherry vinegar
- 1 celery stalk, sliced
- 1 garlic clove, peeled and chopped
- 1 shallot, peeled and chopped
- ½oz/10g fresh ginger, peeled and chopped

For the stuffing:

- 3oz/85g belly pork
- 3oz/85g short grain rice
- duck heart, gizzard and liver, chopped
- ¼ tsp five spice powder or ground aniseed
- 2 cloves
- 2in/5cm piece tangerine peel, finely chopped
- up to 6 floz/170ml stock or water
- freshly ground pepper
- sea salt

Remove any loose fat from the duck cavity. If you like this kind of thing, and I do, it is excellent for cooking. Prepare it by melting it very gently in a frying pan and pouring it into a container which you can refrigerate once the fat has cooled. Prick the duck all over with a larding needle or sharp pointed knife. Put all the marinade ingredients in a saucepan and simmer gently for 10 minutes.

Allow to cool, and strain it, reserving the vegetables. Put the duck in a shallow dish, breastside down and pour on the marinade. Turn once or twice and leave it for at least 12 hours and preferably 24 hours, loosely covered, in the refrigerator.

Next day prepare the stuffing. Cut the belly pork into small cubes about ¼in/0.5cm, leaving the skin on as this gives the right sort of stickiness to the stuffing. Fry it gently until the fat runs, and then raise the heat to brown the meat a little. Stir in the rice, the meat, spices, tangerine peel and vegetables from the marinade, and cook for 2 or 3 minutes. Pour on half the stock, bring to the boil, cover and simmer gently until the rice is almost cooked. You may need to add more of the stock but probably not. Allow the stuffing to cool slightly before spooning it into the duck. *Place the duck on a rack in a* roasting tin, having dried it thoroughly, and roast it for 1½ hours in a pre-heated oven, gas mark 5, 190°C/375°F, turning it up to mark 6, 200°C/400°F for the last 10 minutes or so. Allow the duck to rest for 10 to 15 minutes before carving it.

A bowl of steamed or stir-fried mixed vegetables goes very well with the duck. I like to do a mixture of green beans, broccoli, mangetouts, baby sweetcorn, carrot strips, celery and perhaps some bean sprouts.

"Bûche de Noel" (Christmas log)
(Serves 6)

For the sponge:

- 3 eggs
- 3oz/85g caster sugar
- 2oz/60g self-raising flour
- 1oz/30g cocoa powder

For the cream filling and covering:

- 3½-4oz/100-110g best quality plain chocolate
- ½pt/280ml double or whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons dark rum, orange-flavoured liqueur, or any other liqueur or spirit that you like to use

Whisk the eggs and sugar together for about eight minutes in a basin over *hot water, until pale and much* increased in volume. Sift the flour and cocoa powder together and gently fold into the egg mixture. Pour into a standard size swiss roll tray which you have previously lined with buttered and floured greaseproof paper. Bake for 10-12 minutes in a pre-heated oven, gas mark 5, 190°C/375°F.

Remove the cake from the oven, and turn out paperside up on to a clean teatowel. Carefully peel off the paper and remove the edges of the cake with a sharp knife (this part of the cake is much firmer than the rest, and if you *do* not remove it, the cake will be more inclined to crack when you roll it up). Loosely roll the sponge in the teatowel and put to one side. Make the cream. Melt the chocolate in a basin over hot water. Remove from the heat. Whisk the chocolate to lighten it (by beating air into it). Whip the cream, flavour it with the liqueur, and when the chocolate is cool, fold in the cream. Unroll the sponge and spread over it a third to a half of the mixture. Roll it up and place it on the serving dish. Spread the rest of the chocolate cream over the cake. Fork *over lightly for a tree-bark effect.*

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Oysters can be ordered by post from Loch Fyne Oysters Ltd, Cairndow, Strathclyde PA26 8BH (04996 217). Oysters are delivered by next day courier. *Orders taken up to December* 12 but will try to accommodate later requests. Gigas oysters are £17 for 24. Cuan Sea Fisheries, Sketrick Island, Killinchy, Co Down BT23 6QH (0238 541461). "Shore to door" deliveries by Datapost. 24-hour service. Last deliveries for Christmas by December 22. Pacific oysters are £15 for 24.

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Classic, softly sweet, waxy Loire white. Its slight sweetness and carefully made style will have universal party appeal.

APERITIFS

Delamotte Père et Fils, John Armit Wines, 190 Kensington Park Road, London W11 £9; Corney & Barrow, 12 Helmet Row, London EC1 £10.08.
Non-vintage champagne at £9 a bottle — £1 more than the supermarket competition. Fine, biscuity scent and glorious, peppery-fruity palate.

Tio Pepe, Gonzalez Byass, Oddbins £4.29; Tesco £4.79
Fino is still one of the best. Keep this pungent, flowery fino in the fridge.

1986 Château de Rochemorin, Pessac-Léognan, Waitrose £4.75
This invigorating, lemony Graves from André Lurton has a lovely, full flavour.

FIRST COURSES

1987 Waitrose Alsace Gewürztraminer, Waitrose £3.59
Smoked salmon is probably the most traditional starter but its flavour destroys more wines than it enhances. A happy exception is this elegant, inexpensive, rose-scented Gewürztraminer from a leading co-operative.

1986 Chablis, Les Preuses, René Dauvissat, Domaine Direct, 29 Wilmington Square, London WC1 £16.04
Oysters on this side of the Channel deserve the finest Chablis you can find. And this *grand cru* is the most magnificent I have tasted for a long time: a sensational, fragrant, smoky wine. Worth every penny.

1986 Sainsbury's Bourgogne Aligoté, Sainsbury's £3.49
Consommé needs a fresh white wine and this full-flavoured Bourgogne Aligoté has that and more: a fine, *apricot-toasty flavour.*

1987 Pinot Gris d'Alsace, Turckheim, Barnes Wine Shop, 51 Barnes High Street, London SW13 £3.95
This perfumed, rich, golden wine will set off most pâtés with ease.

MAIN COURSES

1985 Orlando St Hilary Chardonnay, Oddbins £6.49
Turkey is fine with wine but its spicy-fatty trimmings often aren't. So serve a white wine — a good, bold, but not too pricey New World Chardonnay. This delicious, big, rich buttery multi-layered Australian Chardonnay will cope with ease.

1987 Sancerre, Vacheron, Tesco £5.89
Carp is the traditional Polish and East European Christmas dish. Supermarket Sancerre has much improved recently and this delightful, zippy wine is currently the best.

1986 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Les Champs Perriers, Majestic Wine Warehouses, £6.75
If you serve beef, offer a fine, full-bodied white Burgundy. Monsieur Clerc's humbly-titled basic Chardonnay with its splendid lily scent and glorious cinammon palate delivers flavours that are normally only found in the finest white Burgundies.

1983 Grascher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese, Waitrose £6.85
Goose or wild duck, with a rich, fruity stuffing, goes well with this fresh, lively '83.

1986 Wachenheimer Mandelgarten Huxelrebe Beerenauslese, Majestic £10.99
Venison and pheasant work *well with fine, strong, sweet* German wines. One of the fullest and richest is this spicy-sweet, mango, peach and lime-flavoured white.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING WINES

Château Reynella 10 Year Old Tawny, Waitrose £6.75
Plum pudding does not marry well with wine, but this South Australian tawny should cope.

Matusalem Oloroso Dulce, Gonzalez Byass, Oddbins £8.99
Dark browny-black, this sensational, sweet and nutty mouthful is probably better with the tangerines and nuts than it is with Christmas pudding

1983 Moscatel de Setubal, J M da Fonseca, H Allen Smith, 24-25 Scala Street, London W1 £5.75
Still my best suggestion with plum pudding, this luscious, Portuguese Moscatel echoes its spicy fruit flavours perfectly.

DESSERT WINES

1986 Bastor-Lamontagne, Sauternes, half bottle, Waitrose £3.75; Oddbins £3.99
For those who like a refreshing bowl of fruit or fruit salad to finish, this luscious, light, pineappley Sauternes would make a heavenly accompaniment.

1979 Moulin Touchais, Anjou, Waitrose £5.95; Sainsbury's £5.95
This sweet Loire wine has a delicate, flowery, honeyed style.

Moscatel de Malaga, Lopez Hermanos, half bottle, Sainsbury's £1.99
1988's best cheap sweet wine boasts a delicious, luscious style that is as good with fruit as it is with richer desserts and puddings.

LIQUEURS

Chartreuse, Green, Oddbins £17.75
Pungent, pale-green, herbaceous, the world's finest liqueur.

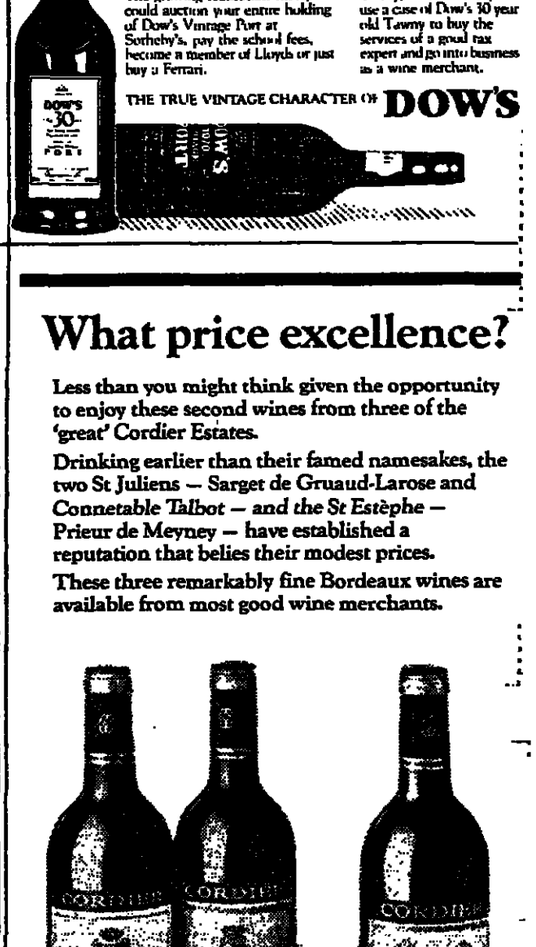
Blandy's 10 Year Old Malmsey Madeira, Augustus Barnett £14.45
Rich, sweet, tangy and just right for mince pies or a slice of Christmas cake.

Next week: Christmas reds

RESISTING TEMPTATION
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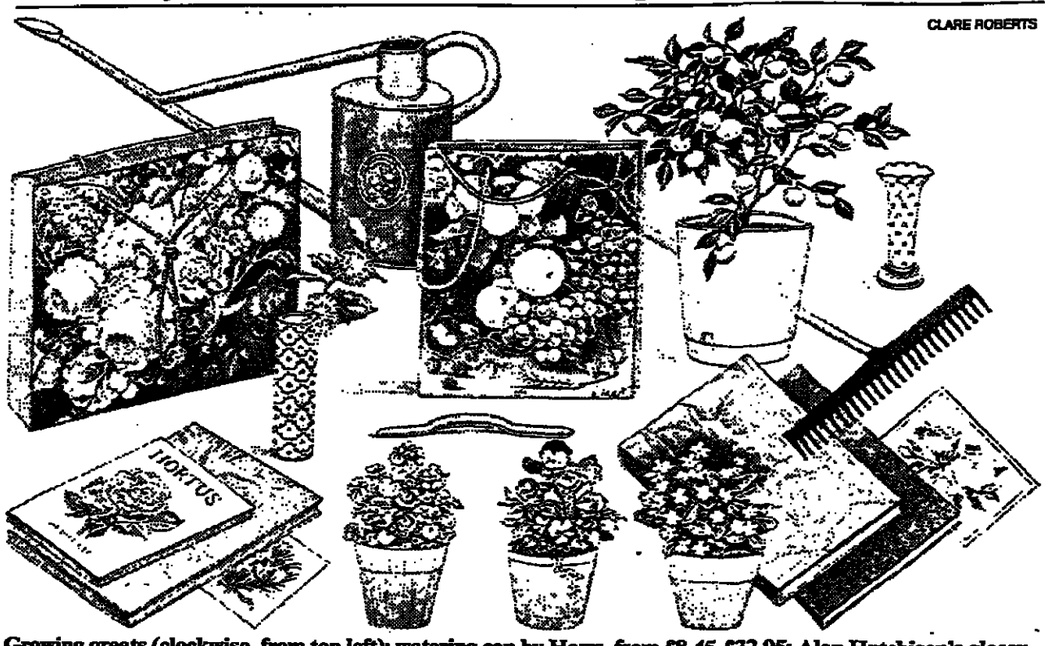
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GARDENING

Season's greening

Presents for horticulturists need not be confined to summer birthdays. **Francesca Greenoak** draws up her list of garden goods

CLARE ROBERTS



Growing greats (clockwise, from top left): watering can by Haws, from £8.45-£32.95; Alan Hutchison's glossy, flowery bags, from about £2.50; Mikko polycarbonate rake, about £6.90; hand-painted blue and white porcelain vases, from £6 by the Dragon Company; Strongbow widger, £1.40; *Hortus* quarterly magazine, £22 per year

Quite apart from the Chancellor's strictures against overspending, the fact is that an expensive price-tag is not always the best guide to either quality or usefulness in gardening presents. Well-chosen, affordable articles are more likely to become indispensable to your gardening, so (avoiding glamour) I submit my down-to-earth selection.

A good watering can is an essential: Haws still make an old-fashioned, long-spouted one, heavyish because it is metal, but beautifully balanced – designed for effortless dunking into waterbutts, and to last as long as everyone's active gardening life. There is also a heavy-duty plastic version of the same shape. Galvanized green-painted ones cost about £30.95 for the 1 gallon/4.5 litre size, £32.95 for 2 gallon/9 litre capacity; plastic £8.45 and £11.95 respectively.

A thermostatically-controlled electric fan-heater, especially designed for conservatories and greenhouses, has made a great difference to the plants in my life during the last year. I was pleased my Jampair (£32 from hardware shops) was reckoned the best and safest in the *Which* gardening report. It is not expensive to keep a minimum of 40°F/5°C (especially on white-metered electricity) and it hugely increases the numbers of plants you can safely keep through the winter. The latest neatly styled electrical circuit breaker is a gadget which could turn out to be a life-saver when using electrical machines in the garden. The Qualcast Power Safe with a built-in reset tester comes at about £20 in most hardware shops.

Pots which contain a special base cavity, which you fill with gravel and water, are especially useful for plants which require a degree of humidity otherwise difficult to achieve in the domestic environment. Vestill now does a range of sizes and colours, from 65p for small hanging pots to £30 for large sizes with castors.

Plants given as Christmas presents are often neglected in the festive bustle, but don't write off seeds as too insubstantial – Carters Growbooks (Country Gardens, Flower Arranging and Herb Garden, £2.99 each) have attractive seed-packed pages with cultivation instructions. Alternatively, there are seed firm tokens, and HTA vouchers (the horticultural equivalent of book tokens, available at most garden centres).

Never have I discarded a tool with such willingness as the metal-tined lawn sweeper which I regarded as dangerous and clumsy. Its replacement (an unlikely choice for someone generally avoiding synthetic products) is the polycarbonate Mikko garden rake, with which I gratefully and effortlessly clear our grass, not only of leaves, but even those irritating wispy bits of hay. Highly recommended, the Mikko No 1 is £5.75 for the head alone, about £6.90 complete. Telephone BMS Europe (0202 740142) for your nearest stockist or mail only, head only at £6.39 including post and packing.

A traditional tool I coveted for years before finding the manufacturer is the widger, a small device like a narrow shoe-horn, invaluable for planting cuttings or transferring seedlings from the seed tray into larger pots without undue disturbance – and also useful to loosen potplant compost hardened into a crust. Backed by 35 years of user recommendation, the Strongbow widger is available in garden centres at about £1.40.

A good read to last the year through is a £22 subscription to *Hortus* (The Neuadd, Rhayader, Powys LD6 5HH), which seems to get better with every quarterly issue. Rosemary Verey's *Garden in Winter* (Windward/Frances Lincoln, £16.95), combining lovely, subtle pictures with sound advice, is a book which demonstrates that no garden need be considered out-of-season, while the inspirational *Visions of Paradise* by Marina Schinz (Thames and Hudson, £25) gives incomparable insights into some of the best gardens of our time. Undoubtedly the best book of the season is *Flowers of the Amazon Forest*, the thoughtful and stunningly beautiful travel journal of the botanical artist Margaret Mee, who died recently in a tragic car accident. Another beautifully produced and informative book, *Flowers* by Malcolm Hillier (Dorling Kindersley, £14.95), produced in association with the National Trust, shows the importance not only of growing good flowers, but of collecting interesting vases in which to put them.

The Dragon Company imports hand-painted blue and white porcelain pots and vases in traditional Chinese chrysanthemum and lotus patterns (stocked by the General Trading Company and Country Gardens garden centres at reasonable prices – from about £6 upwards). Extra stocking fillers for flower-lovers come in the form of Alan Hutchison's imaginative and high-quality flower and garden cards (about £1.99) and glossy bags (about £2.50).

Save the Children has organized a special Christmas Tree Aid scheme – 50p goes to the charity from every tree sold by selected stockists. (Look for garden centre posters or telephone Save the Children, 01-703 5400, for names.) Syon Park Garden Centre, at present attracting attention for its elaborate Christmas display, is also giving the donation on artificial trees. Before you recoil, have a look at their well-made, if ersatz tree, which I consider the first decent substitute for people fussy about needles, or unhappy about real trees suffering conditions too hot for them.

Finally, does anyone share my outrage at the jolly illustrations of cheerful garden-machine users advertising Gardenpride Sound Filter Softfoam Earplugs? No pictures, you note, of deafened neighbours. Is a Neighbour Abuse Helpline required, or more usefully, a lobby tough enough to insist that manufacturers put their heads together to reduce the decibel level rather than fobbing us off with this nonsense?

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Stake Brussels sprouts, purple sprouting broccoli and other tall-growing vegetables against wind damage.**
- **Begin manuring ground where peas, beans and onions are to go next year.**
- **Make sure plants (and last season's cuttings) are secure; firm the soil if they have been loosened by frost or wind.**
- **Give house and greenhouse plants as much light as possible during this dark month.**
- **Give budding Christmas roses (*Helleborus niger*) cloche protection to protect the future blooms.**
- **Clean tools and wipe with an oily rag (or spray with non-CFC oily sprays such as WD40 or Glide) before hanging them up for the winter).**

GARDEN NEWS

According to the Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986, made under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985, after December 31 it will be illegal for amateur gardeners to use pesticides containing chlordane. Gardeners should check their garden-shed shelves to make sure that they have none of the following products: Synchemicals Chlordane 25, Murphy Chlordane Wormkiller and Synchemicals Nippon Ant Powder (in the old container – the recent formulation omits chlordane in favour of permethrain).

Do check that you have not inadvertently retained any other prohibited products. It was startling to hear someone on a recent Gardeners Question Time *disclosing that she still used Aldrin, not realizing that it has been prohibited for domestic gardeners for 15 years.*

It is illegal for amateur gardeners to have proscribed products in their possession, so half-full containers should be disposed of. Local authorities will advise on safe methods of disposal for hazardous waste. If you are uncertain which pesticides (this includes herbicides) are no longer permitted they may also be able to advise you. Alternatively send an SAE to Friends of the Earth, Water Pollution & Toxic Waste Department, 26-28 Underwood Street, London N1 7JQ.

- If you own a Qualcast Hover-Safe 12-inch lawnmower, check the serial number before cleaning it and putting it away for the winter. A batch of mowers of this model (serial numbers 100,000-181,000) have a fault involving the fan.

The serial number is to be found on the warning label on the rear of the machine. If you think your mower may be faulty, do not use it. Contact the nearest Qualcast Approved Service Agent who will replace the fan cost-free. Details of nearest agents may be obtained from Qualcast Garden Products, Freepost, Derby, or on the Hover-Safe Action Line (0332 271271).

CHESS

Check the book

For the serious student of chess openings there could be no better Christmas gift than Anatoly Karpov's *The Semi-Open Game in Action* (Batsford £6.95). The content is superb, detailing, via magisterial annotations to complete games, the former World Champion's recent experiences through the wonderland of the Pirc-Ufimtsev, Caro-Kann, French and Sicilian Defences. It is particularly illuminating to see Karpov's side of the argument in the famous 24th match game of 1985, which brought Kasparov to the chess throne. For chess enthusiasts who are not keen to learn the latest wrinkle in the Najdorf Sicilian, but who would, nevertheless, like to know more about this ancient wargame, another Batsford production would be ideal: *Chess, The History of a Game* by Dr Richard Eales (£17.95). This is a leisurely, illustrated stroll through the one and a half thousand years since chess was first played in India.

Pergamon's publications extend from beginners' books to highly advanced analyses. Books I would single out for special mention include *Chess Openings, Your Choice!* (£9.95) by Stewart Reuben, one of the leading lights of the British Chess Federation, which guides the less experienced player towards choosing an opening geared to the appropriate level.

The background to chess politics, anecdotes, and stories about legendary giants of chess, such as Bobby Fischer, is provided by Grandmaster Larry Evans (a former Fischer aide) in *The Chess Beat* (Pergamon, £7.95). This book has been described by the authoritative *British Chess Magazine* as popular chess journalism at its best. Controversial though they may be, Evans's comments are always thought provoking and entertaining.

Three books by Kasparov, the youngest and most dynamic world champion in the history of the game, form the jewels of Pergamon's crown. They are *New World Chess Champion* (£5.95), *London-Leningrad Championship Games* (£9.95) and *The Test of Time* (£8.25). All three offer a rich source of instruction in all aspects of chess, but beware: Kasparov makes no concessions to his readers and to extract the maximum from these marvellous books you will need two chess sets (one for the game moves, another for the analysis) and the patience to play through some very long variations.

If, however, the reader is prepared to keep pace with Kasparov's comments, the reward will be the most amazing analytical delights ever served up by a world champion. For example, Kasparov's immensely detailed notes to game 16 of the 1986 World Championship match last for 20 packed pages. The three books cover Kasparov's entire playing career up to and including his first successful defence of the title at London and Leningrad in 1986. If one had to pick a single volume from the three, I would go for his book on the 1986 match. With its insight into the mind of a top Grandmaster, this is a fascinating book.

Kasparov is also on the board of *Pergamon CHESS* magazine. This is Barry Wood's old *CHESS*, which has been revitalized under the editorship of former Champion of Wales, Paul Lamford. It is now one of the world's most colourful and lively chess reviews and chess enthusiasts would derive excellent practice from the very tough puzzles set each month. An annual subscription to *Pergamon CHESS* costs £17.50 and can be ordered from CHESS, Sutton Coldfield B73 6AZ. CHESS can also supply all the books I have mentioned if you cannot find them in book shops.

There is just space for one of Kasparov's wins from the Olympics in Greece, which finished a little over a week ago. The world champion notched up the colossal Gold Medal – winning score of 8½ points from 10 games (three draws, no losses) against all-Grandmaster opposition. He was exceptionally anxious to win the following game, since Seirawan had inflicted the only defeat on Kasparov at the previous Olympics of Dubai in 1986.

White: Gary Kasparov; Black: Yasser Seirawan. Queen's pawn Opening; from the USSR v USA Match, Salonika Olympics, November.

1	d4	d5	2	Nf3	c5
3	c4	cxc4	4	Nc3	cxd4
5	Qxd4	Qxd4	6	Nxd4	Bd7
7	Nbd5	Na6	8	e4	Nf6
9	f3	Bxb5	10	Nxb5	e5
11	Be3	Bb4+	12	Kf2	Ke7
13	Bxc4	Rhc8	14	Rac1	Bc5
15	Rhd1	Bxa3+	16	Kxa3	Na8
17	Bb3	Rxc1	18	Rxc1	f6

Many players would abandon such an arid-seeming position as drawn, but Kasparov launches one last effort, offering to trade his bishop and knight for Black's Rook.

19	a3	Nd6	20	Bd5	Nxb5
21	Bxb7	Nbc7	22	Bxa8	Nxa8
23	Rc8	Nb6	24	Rg8	Kf7
25	Rh8	Nc5	26	Rb8	Ke7

It is not certain that Kasparov's transaction has objectively helped his cause, but he has, at least, confused the situation. In the future, Seirawan will have to cope with a potential White passed pawn on the extreme Queen's flank.

27	b4	Nc4+	28	Ke2	Nd7
29	Rg8	g5	30	a4	a5

The wrong reaction. This merely encourages the creation of a dangerous white passed pawn, which does, indeed, go on to become a Queen.

31	bxa5	Nxa5	32	Ra8	Nc6
33	a5	Kd6	34	g3	h5
35	h4	gxh4	36	gxh4	Nc5
37	a6	Kc7	38	a7	Nb7

and Black resigned without waiting for White's lethal reply. 39 Rc8+ Kxc8 40 a8=Q+ will be the triumph of Kasparov's opportunistic strategy.

Raymond Keene

BRIDGE

Tigress time

The British selectors were obliged to make some radical changes in the women's team for Venice as a result of Sally Horton's decision to concentrate on the Open series. Michelle Brunner was called upon to play with Sandra Landy alongside the tried partnership of Nicola Smith and Pat Davies, and Sandra Penfold and Liz McGowan making their debut for Britain.

Britain won its section in commanding style and went on to defeat Mexico with ease in the quarter-finals. The semi-final against Canada, much fancied by some shrewd judges, was a nail-biter. With 16 boards to play, Britain led by 34 IMPs, but a strong Canadian rally only ran out of steam on the last two hands.

With France, Italy and the USA falling by the wayside, most judges made our girls favourite to beat Denmark in the final. Unhappily, one of our experienced players occasionally suffers from bad migraine. This forced non-playing captain Grattan Endicott to expose our least experienced pair to the daunting ordeal of playing under the television cameras for the first time in the final 16 boards. Facing a deficit of 29 IMPs, the British fought like tigresses to reduce the margin to single figures. But it was not to be. The Danes hit back in the last few boards to snatch the title by a score of 178 IMPs to 157 IMPs.

This hand will doubtless give the British declarer nightmares for months to come.

Britain v Denmark. North-South Game. Dealer West.

	♠ 8 6 2 ♡ K J 10 9 3 ◇ A 9 ♣ Q 3 2	
♠ 5 3 ♡ Q 8 5 4 2 ◇ 7 3 2 ♣ K 10 8	N W E S	♠ 10 7 ♡ A 7 ◇ Q 10 8 6 4 ♣ A J 9 4
	♠ A K Q J 9 4 ♡ 6 ◇ K J 5 ♣ 7 6 5	

W	N	E	S
No	No	1◇	4♠
No	No	No	–

South received the amiable lead of the ◇7, taking East's ◇Q with the ◇K. She then cashed two top trumps and stopped as if stung by a wasp, realizing all too late what she had done. If she crossed to dummy with the ◇A now, she would have no entry back to hand to enjoy a club discard on the ◇J. That lapse of concentration cost 12 IMPS.

On this next hand the commentators suggested that the British declarer had no answer to a fine opening lead. I am not so sure.

Britain v Denmark. North-South Game. Dealer East.

	♠ 8 5 ♡ A 9 8 7 3 2 ◇ K 9 3 ♣ J 7	
♠ K J 9 8 7 ♡ J 6 ◇ Q 8 7 6 5 4 ♣ –	N W E S	♠ 10 4 3 ♡ K Q 10 5 ◇ 2 ♣ Q 8 6 4 3
	♠ A Q 2 ♡ 4 ◇ A J 10 ♣ A K 10 9 5 2	

W	N	E	S
–	–	No	1♠
3♠ (1)	3♡	3♠	3NT
4♣ (2)	No	No	4NT(3)
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No	No	–	–

Opening lead ♡J

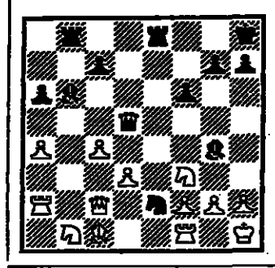
(1) Showing spades and diamonds
(2) Taking advantage of favourable vulnerability
(3) Reasonably preferring the chance of a vulnerable game to the penalty
(4) Lead directing for a heart

Fearing a spade switch, Landy won the first trick with the ♡A. Thereafter the unkind club break proved an insuperable stumbling block, so Landy was one down. But, suppose Landy ducks the heart. East overtakes, and returns the ♠10. Declarer plays the ♠Q and West wins with ♠K. If West continues with another spade, Landy ducks. Now if West passively plays a third spade, Landy can succeed. She wins in hand and plays three rounds of diamonds, taking the diamond finesse. (Remember, the three club bid showed spades and diamonds.)

East has to find two discards. She can spare one heart, but the third diamond ruins her; she must unguard either her hearts, or her clubs. Even if West switches back to hearts rather than playing a third spade, she must remain alert. Landy will win in dummy and finesse a club. Now when she plays the ◇10 West must cover, in order to destroy the entries for the squeeze.

Jeremy Flint

WINNING MOVE



In the diagram, Black, to move, has a quick win. What is Black's winning move?

To enter *The Times* Winning Move competition, send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times* Winning Move Competition, The Times, 1, Virginia Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a wallet-sized personal chess computer. The winners names together with the winning move will be printed in *The Times* next Saturday.

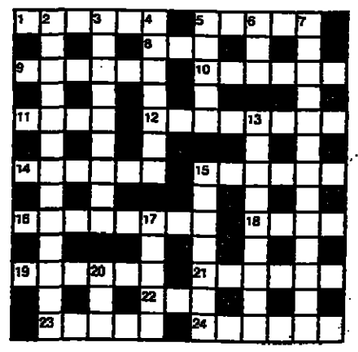
Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Qh6
Last Saturday's competition was a position from the game Petrosian-Pachman, Bled 1961.
White's winning move is 1 Bg7
The three winners are: P.J. Palmer Bawn, Polmont, Falkirk; M.R. Jordan, Rugby, Warwicks; R.J. Kermeen, Douglas, Isle of Man.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1742

Prizes of the 1988 Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, December 15. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, December 17.

ACROSS

1 Shop front board (6)
5 Of town (5)
8 Legal profession (3)
9 Thoroughly knowledgeable (6)
10 Discussion bench (6)
11 Similar to (4)
12 Car driver (8)
14 Fame (6)
15 Jerk back (6)
16 Knee trousers (8)
18 Poled boat (4)
19 Invention protection (6)
21 Dried grape (6)
22 Reduction (3)
23 Flashlight (5)
24 Spanish woman (6)



DOWN

2 1st woman transAtlantic pilot (6,7)
3 Covered oven dish (9)
4 Belly (7)
5 Plume (5)
6 Contend with (3)
7 Sack dress courtier (9,4)
13 Wedding party (9)
15 Holiday centres (7)
17 Rabbit house (5)
20 Go wrong (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1741

ACROSS: 1 Cerise 4 Duress 9 Pigment 10 Canoe 11 Bulk 12 Prie-dieu 14 Turban 15 Ack-ack 18 Negative 20 Agar 22 Imbue 23 Invalid 25 Exeunt 26 Prison

DOWN: 1 Cup 2 Regular 3 Stem 5 Unclench 6 Ennui 7 Spelunker 8 Stork 11 Bete noire 13 Pantheon 16 Angelus 17 Avoid 19 Gable 21 Ever 24 Din

The winners of prize concise No 1736 are: Mrs L. Swanson, Cunningham Close, Weymouth, Dorset; and Mr and Mrs D.W. Doughty, West Street, Over, Cambridgeshire.

SOLUTION TO NO 1736

ACROSS: 1 Accrue 5 Sabot 8 Vet 9 Hassle 10 Anyhow 11 Spur 12 Infernal 14 Sewing 15 Sacral 16 Hysteria 18 Seep 19 Kennel 21 Tricky 22 Lic 23 Soggy 24 Donate

DOWN: 2 Champs Elysees 3 Restraint 4 Evening 5 Staff 6 Bay 7 Thomas a Becket 13 Recession 15 Slanted 17 Rally 20 Nag

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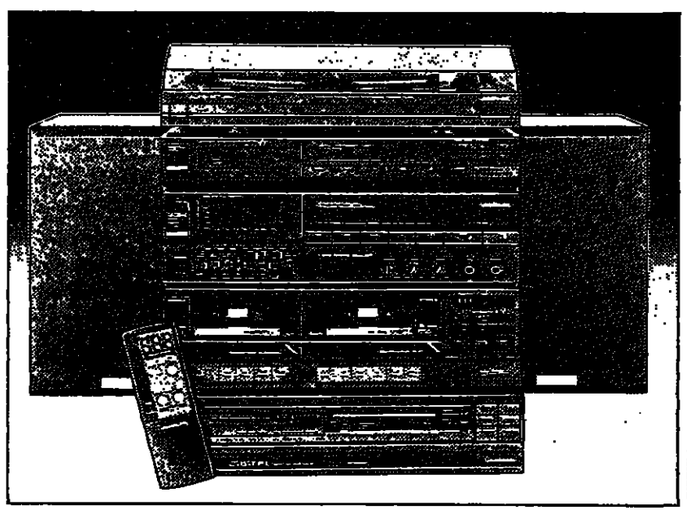
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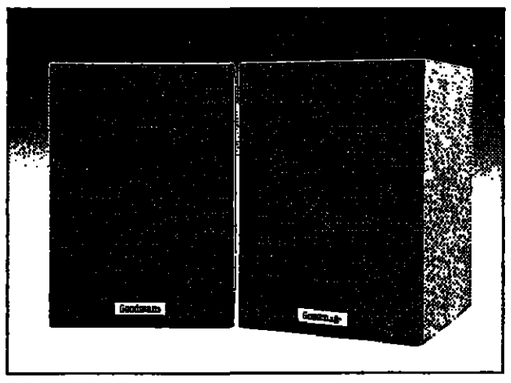
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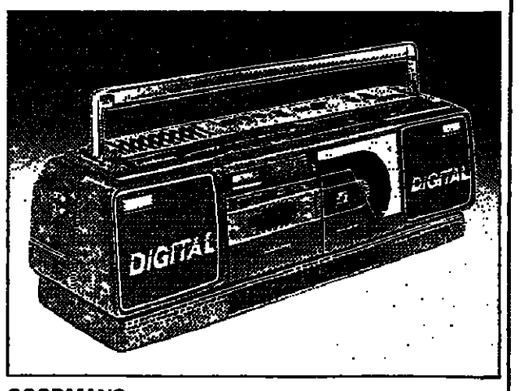




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What price a capital night out?

Shona Crawford Poole considers a choice of places to sleep away the festive spirit – from the deep, down pillows of the Savoy to a bleak and cheerless double bed

Spending a night in town, whether or not for the purpose of spending a night on the town, can be a pricey business. But with Christmas, the New Year, and the January sales all but upon us, there are good reasons why those who live outside the capital may want a bed in it.

Compare the bill for a night in the best hotel with the cost of a driving licence lost after one glass too many at the office party, and staying somewhere decent may seem the prudent thing to do.

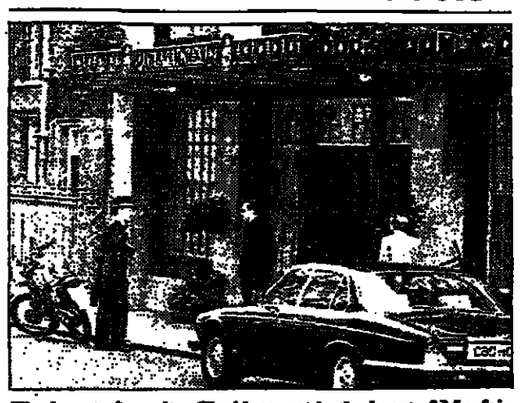
There is a lot of agonizing going on in official tourist circles about high London hotel rates. The enormous price of land in the West End gets the largest portion of blame for the £200 or more per night that the big-name corporations charge for their double rooms.

One way of halving that sort of cost, and still stay in a place that is pretty luxurious, is to choose one of the growing number of period town houses which have been converted into small hotels providing a limited range of services.

The Beaufort, two minutes walk from Harrods, is typical of the best of the breed. Four years ago Diana Wallis sacrificed a career in television production for a passion for houses. She bought a pair of once-grand mansions in the tree-filled cul-de-sac which is Beaufort Square and, when the builders had sorted out the serious business of roofs, fire escapes and plumbing, she did lovely, frivolous things like putting cream carpet on the stairs. She also allows Harry, the gregarious Beaufort cat, to bag the best chair or add a homely touch — it rather depends on your point of view — in the lounge.

Guests serve and sign for their own drinks and polish their own shoes with freshly laundered dusters from the cleaning kit.

Two more hotels run on similar lines, without restaurants, coffee shops, or large public rooms, are the Abbey Court and Number Sixteen.



The haunt of royalty: Claridges, set in the heart of Mayfair

A glorious, billowing vase full of peonies, lilies, stocks, weeds and wild greenery stood at the entrance to the Abbey Court, just off the Bayswater Road in Kensington (nearest tube Notting Hill). The pillows on the four-poster billowed, too, and my room was full of well-polished furniture and things that smelt nice. It is a very stylish place in a quiet street, but not the easiest place to pick up a cab on a wet morning.

Number Sixteen is at that number Sumner Place, very close to South Kensington tube station. Antique furniture, and comfortably fashionable furnishings make the place feel more like somebody's house in town than somewhere that anybody can stay. The bar works on the chit system and there is a wider than usual choice of places to sit, with a conservatory as well as drawing rooms.

I had used the Savoy for more than 20 years without ever staying in the hotel until this year. When I did, I did not want to leave. Service was immaculate. The floor waiters look you straight in the eye and their presence is not an intrusion in your room. They do not give you bits of paper to sign, either.

It would have been churlish not to sleep well on linen sheets and down pillows, in a vast room painted in face powder colours, so I did. But even after a good night's sleep and opening the curtains on a sparkling view of the Thames, I did not feel quite strong enough to order creamed eggs with goose liver and truffles

Next year the Savoy celebrates its centenary, kicking off on New Year's Eve with a £250-a-head party. For couples with something personal to celebrate, the hotel has a year-round selection of added-value packages at special rates.

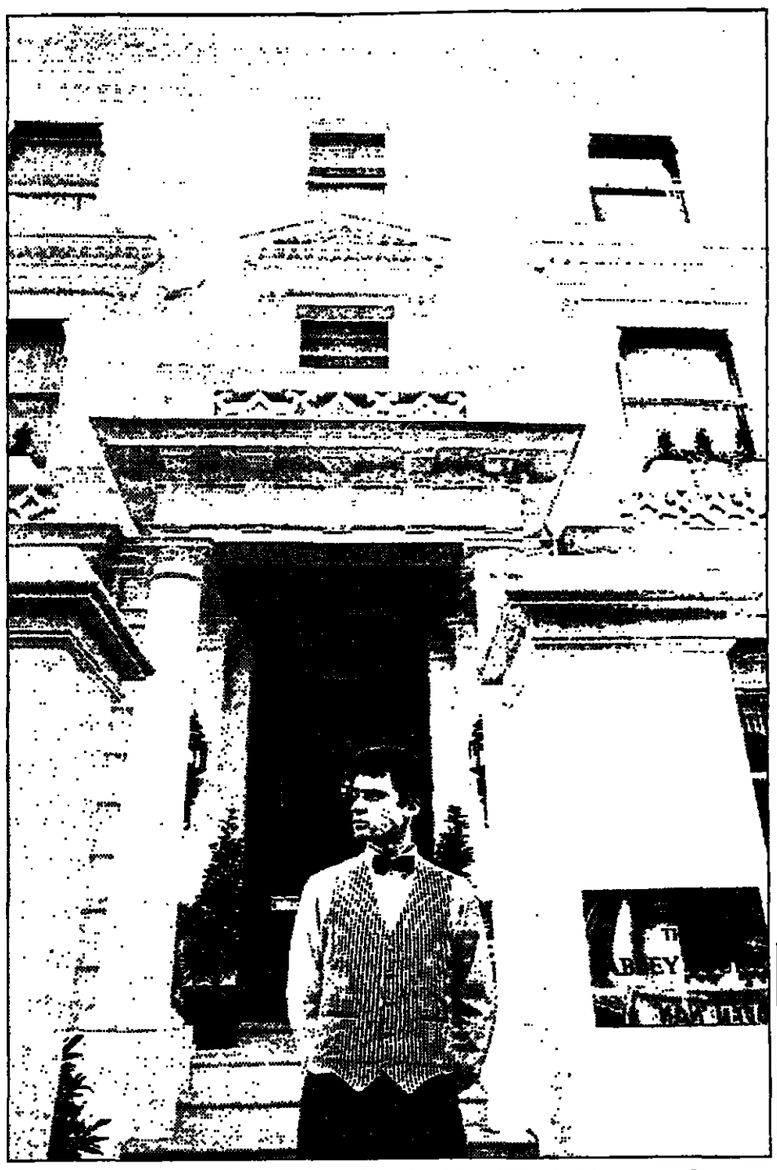
Claridges in Brook Street is in the heart of Mayfair and a haunt of royalty. It does not have the advantage of its sister hotel the Savoy's good views or enormous airy rooms. The doorman's bluff chattiness sets a style of service which, for the regulars, is part of what makes the place a London home from home.

I had a big, marble bathroom and a sunny, yellow bedroom. It was as good a place as any to dawdle through the Sunday papers. But breakfast in the restaurant was disappointing. Bacon and eggs neither looked nor tasted freshly cooked, the rolls had been cold for some time.

At quite the opposite end of the price scale, the cheapest place I have recently stayed was Sir Gar House, in Ebury Street, Pimlico. It is within walking distance of Victoria Station and recommended as "friendly" in the Consumer Association's *Good Bed and Breakfast* guide. I did not meet the friendly proprietors mentioned in the guide, and did not much care for being asked for cash before being given a key.

The place was clean enough but smelt horribly of those slow-release air fresheners that *pollute the air in half* London's taxis. The lavatory and showerstall on the top-floor landing were shared with the too-close-for-comfort inhabitants of two more bleakly furnished rooms. I lost the toss and drew the side of the double bed jammed against the wall.

Despite that concession, I had to promise my husband that I will try harder to find somewhere cheap and a good deal more cheerful for our nights on the town.



Stylish: the Abbey Court in Kensington, where the pillows billow but the cabs can be scarce

HOTEL NOTES

The Abbey Court, 20 Pembridge Gardens, London WC2 4DU (01-221 7518) or toll free from the US (1 800 283 5656). Double rooms £85; with four-poster beds £105; singles £65. Prices include VAT but not service or breakfast. Continental breakfast, £5.

The Beaufort, 33 Beaufort Gardens, London SW3 1PP (01-584 5252). Double rooms from £105 (rising to *£120 in the New Year*). Suites £145 (rising to £165). Singles from £90 (rising to £100). Prices include newspaper, continental breakfast, VAT and service.

Claridges, Brook Street, London W1A 2JQ (01-629 8860). Double rooms from £185; singles from £145; suites from £350. Prices include *VAT and service, but not* breakfast.

Number Sixteen, 16 Sumner Place, London SW7 3EG (01-589 5232). Double rooms from £95. Best doubles £110, singles from £40 to £60. Prices inclusive of newspaper, continental breakfast and VAT.

The Savoy Hotel, The Strand, London WC2R 0EU (01-836 4343). Double rooms overlooking the Thames from £210 a night, without a river view from £150 a night. Singles from £115. Standard prices are inclusive of VAT and service. Breakfast is not included.

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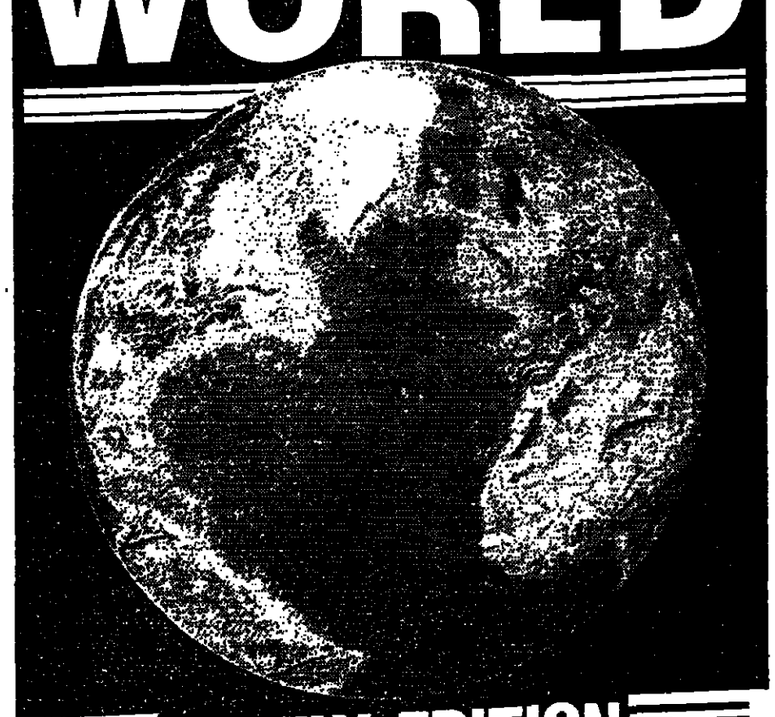
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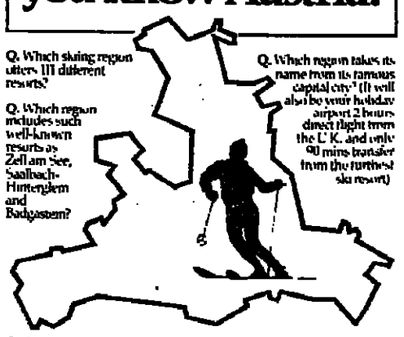
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TRAVEL

Spa on the slopes

If you can't get away to ski this winter, **Michael Smith** suggests Chile in the summer



South of the border: Chile has some surprises for skiers who need a summer holiday

Imagine yourself 6,000 feet up in the Andes floating in a hot spring on a frosty evening. Above, the stars illuminate the surrounding wooded peaks dusted with snow.

Gabriel Garcia Marquez evokes such images in his literature of the fantastic, but the scene is far from fiction. It is all part of a ski holiday in southern Chile at the spas of Chillán, where the season runs from June to October.

Skiing at Chillán has a mystique of its own. While the mountains of northern Chile remind one of the Himalayas, with arid peaks above 16,000 feet, the southern Andes are smaller, majestic and wooded.

Since the conquest, settlers heard rumours of the miraculous springs known by the Mapuche Indians, and in 1703 a Spanish priest discovered "boiling waters" flowing from the great Chillán volcano. During the 19th century the aristocrats journeyed to the mineral baths to find relief from "the pains, traumas and insecurities of the life in the city".

But it was not until the mid-1970s that the volcano was transformed into the resort it is today, with a first-class 250-bed hotel, and six ski lifts – including one that rises a mile and a half into the clouds.

The 50-mile journey from the city of Chillán, birthplace of the Chilean patriot Bernardo O'Higgins, takes visitors back in time, through a valley dotted with farm houses, apple orchards, and a few small vineyards. Traffic slows for cows, *viscachas* (hares native to the region), and an occasional farmer who is in no hurry to make way for a passing motor vehicle. Then, just past a town called Shangrila, the resort appears on a high clearing at the base of the 9,000-volcano.

The volcano is omnipresent. Like clockwork, every quarter hour the imposing mountain releases a puff of white smoke. Its scalding waters heat the hotel, fill the whirlpool baths and keep the walks free of ice.



Skiing is pleasant, on secluded runs that are long and wide. The snow is well packed, a bit damp, and rarely turns to ice. During the day, temperatures reach in to the fifties. The Canadian, French, Italian and Spanish national teams were training in Chillán this year and said that conditions compared well with the Alps and the Rockies.

From the slopes, the Andes are spectacular. Rock outcrops above outline the sky, and below, the snowline cattle graze on patches of green and sienna farmlands.

Guests soon feel at home at Chillán. Each day meals, which are included in the ski package, are served by the same waiter at the same table. Fresh vegetables, shellfish from the nearby Pacific coast, fillet steak, roast fowl, and delicate pastries are typical fare. The mâitre d'hotel offers a wide selection of Chilean wines, most for around £2 a bottle.

Chillán is surprisingly cosmopolitan. At one table, seven Britons living in Rio de Janeiro talked of London, while their feet tapped to the rhythm of a Brazilian samba someone had asked the orchestra to play. Nearby, three Argentinian retirees boasted in sweeping gestures about the superior resorts to be found in their country, and Chilean students were happily sharing their holiday with a group of festive stock investors from São Paulo, Brazil. The talk continued well into the night as couples relaxed round the log fire with a good cognac or went in search of the disco.

Chile has no large ski resorts, and their small size lends an air of quaintness. There are 14 ski centres along the 3,000 miles of the Andes that run the length of the country. Two hours from Santiago airport are three world-class resorts in the mountains above the city. The newest, Valle Nevado, was developed this year by the French and has more than 15 miles of skiing.

Three hours' flight from Punta Arenas, the world's southernmost city, the sun comes up over the Straits of Magellan as skiers glide across snow that is said to have blown up from the Antarctic. Skiers emerge from clouds hugging the Villarica Volcano overlooking pristine lakes and alpine forests of the region.

North of Santiago at the Portillo resort, the Latin American jet-set ski in the shadows of the 22,000ft Aconcagua summit, the largest in the western hemisphere.

For the frustrated European skier who is not resigned to sweating out the summer holiday on the Costa del Sol, a winter sports holiday in the southern hemisphere is worth considering.

TRAVEL NOTES

The package price for six days in Chillán, including lodging, full board, lift tickets and transport from the city is £330 purchased locally.

The Brazilian airline Varig (01-629 5824) flies to Santiago, Chile, via Rio de Janeiro. The Apex fare cost £806 in June. Expect to pay around £650 for a discounted fare from an agency like Trailfinders (01-938 3366). A comfortable first class train (five hours) from Santiago costs £6.

TRAVEL

Riding the bush wagon





Game watching with care: taking a long, slow look at nature, from the mighty to the minute



Still lives: white-necked cormorants roost at Lake Naivasha

From the back of an ox-cart, **Ronald Faux** scents the thrill of old safaris

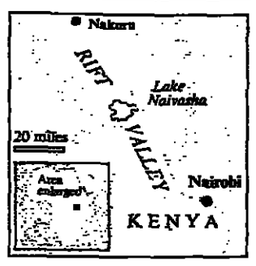
Atlas for the great white hunter. The old bush hero in his sun-bleached Panama and windjammer shorts stalking through the undergrowth has become as rare as the white rhino. Modern safaris are more likely to attract Wimbledon doctors, Munich car dealers or Los Angeles divorcees, hunting in four-wheel drive Landcruisers from which the wildlife is watched and not shot. Through the open top of the vehicle they observe the passing scenery over a cloud of dust.

It is a noisy, essentially practical way of travelling through bush country. There is the lofty protection of steel against the tusks and teeth of discontented beasts but little of the subtlety or care employed by hunters of the past.

True, they were less constrained than modern game watchers by holiday dates, airline schedules, conservation laws and the pressures of mass tourism. But the slow magic and calm of the old ways have largely gone, lost in a roar of diesel and dust.

Yvonne Lury has brought them back — by ox cart. "We got the idea thinking about the history of Kenya and the days of the early settlers here. They arrived like the Voortrekkers, in their ox wagons loaded up with everything they owned.

"They made slow, rather stately progress with outriders on horseback surveying the best route ahead and watching out for any dangers. That struck us as being actually one of the best ways of viewing this part of the world, like a Voortrekker, swinging your legs on the back of an ox wagon."



But first secure your wagon, scarcer by far than the Toyotas, Mitsubishis and Range Rovers that are the present kings of bush transport. Her company, Safari Cordon Bleu, commissioned a replica of an original ox wagon kept in the Kenya National Museum in Nairobi. Two more of these splendid vehicles are under construction, correct in every detail and built in camphor wood. They have massively hubbed wheels, an indestructible timber chassis and a rounded canvas awning that casts a cool shade.

They are high enough off the ground to give security and make one concession to the modern traveller, for which the ascetic Voortrekkers would have had neither the space nor the expectation — there are eight deeply sprung, extremely comfortable seats.

I joined the wagon after an hour's drive from Nairobi, out beyond the shores of Lake Naivasha in the Great Rift Valley, one of the richest wildlife areas in Africa. Lunch was laid out in the shade of a fever tree, the flat-branched acacia that is the hallmark of the east African plains. Champagne corks popped as provisions were produced from Harrods hampers. The clients ate and the oxen grazed.

Safari Cordon Bleu is a family business. Yvonne and her two daughters, Lynn and Jan, are between them expert not only in the kitchen but also on the wildlife of Africa.

Yvonne now owns a herd of 30 oxen and has a sentimental affection for them that seems oddly out of place in a country where animals rarely enjoy a life of well-fed, unruffled domesticity.

Her well-groomed and shining-flanked oxen could well be a pack of doting labradors. "Now just look at him and his dreamy eyes," she says of one lugubrious ox. "I saw him and he walked straight towards me at the auction so I bought him on the spot."

Herdsmen wearing scarlet sashes yoked up the span of 16 animals, the picnic was packed away and the wagon rolled.

It was a leisurely way of seeing the countryside: a steady, lumbering, elephant-like progress that does not frighten the rest of nature. Other safari cohorts would be dashing across the landscape, heads above their Landcruiser parapets, driving furiously, perhaps from a lion sighting to where a couple of rhino had been spotted mating. We made our unhurried way, watched in our turn by giraffe and zebra, gazelle and a circling eagle.

The Great Rift Valley, so great a physical feature that it can be seen from the moon, crosses the equator, and in Kenya reaches a height of 6,000ft, which cools the climate ideally. The rolling open bush country spreading to the brown line of the horizon was once an estate owned by a single family. The narrow track through nothingness was regarded by its owners as a private road.

The story is told of a local chap who had the temerity to walk down it and had his backside peppered with shot by an outraged laird. Such days of colonial arrogance are gone and the Ndabibi estate is now owned by the Agricultural Development Corporation of Kenya.

The wagon swayed down a slope, pressing heavily on the backs of the oxen. David Kiplangat, the head driver, wound a handle at the back of the wagon which clamped four curved wooden blocks against the wheels. There was a whiff of camphor as the brakes bit. Then we were on the flat once more among the thorn trees and brilliantly coloured bougainvillaea.

The future plan is to have a team of horses so that ox-wagon clients can make forays into the bush on horseback under Lynn's leadership for a closer look at the wildlife.

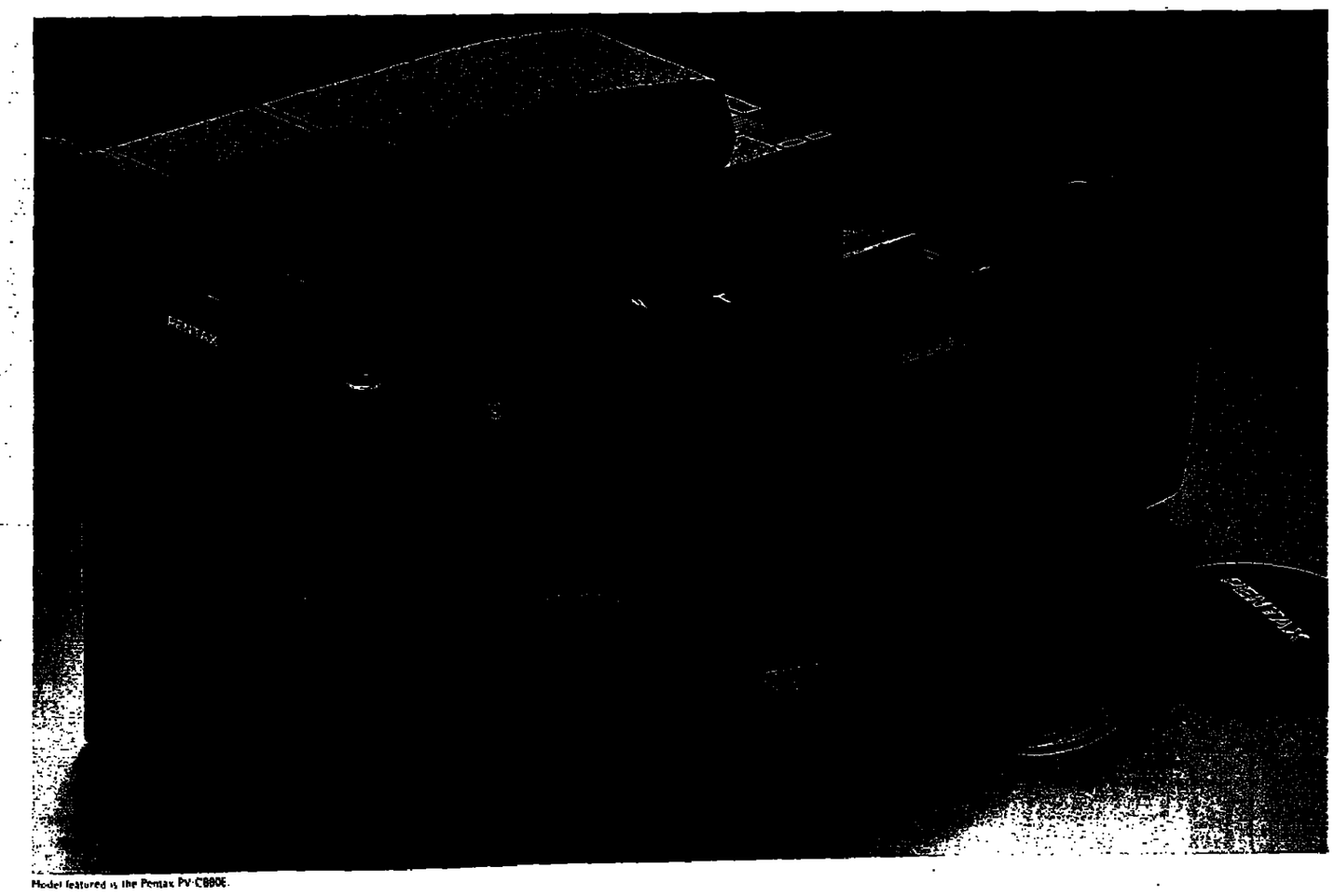
Camp had already been set up by the time our wagon rolled to a halt on high ground overlooking a limitless stretch of bush. A group of large tents, each with its own veranda, bedroom, dressing room, portable flush lavatory and hot shower, formed our instant community.

It was five-star wilderness living, with sundowners followed by a five-course dinner; pepper steak cooked over charcoal, and several bottles of excellent French wine that sank with the sun into the silence and remoteness of the African night.

The company arranges a three-day ox-wagon safari in the Lake Naivasha area where the tropical hollow of Crater Lake and the hot water springs and steam vents of Eburru Mountain are to be found. Safaris offer the prospect of observing animals in the wild, the chilling laugh of the hyena at night and the heartening rattle of ice against glass at sundown.

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8.15 Saturday Starts Here with Bananaman. 8.20 Corners. 8.40 ChuckleVision.
9.00 Going Live! with Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. Includes an examination of the work of Amnesty International. 12.12 Weather.
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 and 3.50 Football: Second round of the FA Cup with Bob Wilson; 12.40, 1.15, 1.50, and 3.05 Racing from Cheltenham; 1.00, 2.05, and 3.10 Rugby League: Live coverage of the first semifinal in the John Player Special Trophy; 1.30 Skiing: Men's Downhill Championship from Val Gardena; 4.00 Swimming: Highlights of the Sun Life Europa Cup from Edinburgh. 4.40 Final Score. Includes 12.55 News Summary. (see Regional variations)
5.00 News and Weather with Moira Stuart. Weather. Regional news and sport.
5.15 The Flying Doctors. There is a last minute clash at Coopers Crossing over the Queen of the Outback competition (Ceefax).
6.00 The Noel Edmonds Saturday Roadshow. The guests include Peter Blake and Sue Lawley, who finds the Wordgame harder than she expected.
6.45 Bob's Full House. Bingo quiz game (Ceefax).
7.20 'Allo 'Allo! René gets the bird when he tries to hide the Communist Resistance girls in his cupboard, and use a long-distance duck to fly to England with the German invasion plans. With Gordon Kaye (Ceefax).
7.45 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rantzen and Michael Groth meet another selection of people who have been good citizens (Ceefax).
8.25 Film: North Sea Hijack (1979). Roger Moore, James Mason and Anthony Perkins star in this action thriller about an eccentric underwater expert who is called in to sabotage a gang's plot to hold the Government to ransom over a North Sea oil rig. Directed by Andrew V McLaglen. (Ceefax)
10.00 News and Sport with Michael Buerk. Weather.
10.15 Match of the Day: the Road to Wembley. Action from today's matches in the FA Cup second round plus the draw for the third round.
11.15 Film: For a Few Dollars More (1965). Sequel to *A Fistful of Dollars* starring Clint Eastwood as the man with no name who teams up with a bounty hunter (Lee Van Cleef) to track down a vicious outlaw. Sergio Leone directs. (Ceefax).
1.20 Weather, close.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax. 12.00 Open University.
1.55 Network East. A round-up of some of the most year's important and dramatic events in Asia.
2.35 Film: The Silver Cord (1933, b/w). Melodrama starring Irene Dunne as the newly-wed faced with a mother-in-law who is pathologically obsessed about losing her two sons. With Joel McCrea. Directed by John Cromwell.
3.45 Since You Went Away (1944, b/w). Second World War drama about an American family forced to take in a lodger to supplement their income. Their boarder creates conflict, especially when the older daughter falls for his unsoldierly nephew. With Claudette Colbert, Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten and Shirley Temple. Directed by John Cromwell.
6.30 NewsView. Weather.
7.10 Human Rights – How Much Do We Care? On the 40th anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Jonathan Dimbleby presents some of the horrific stories of abuse and torture that happen in at least one third of the world's nations. What are the United Nations doing to stop these atrocities? And can individuals do anything?
8.20 Messiaen at 80. Oliver Messiaen's 80th birthday is celebrated by a documentary portrait of the composer presented by one of his pupils, George Benjamin.
8.55 St Francis of Assisi. Live from the Festival Hall. Piers Burton-Page introduces the final act of Messiaen's opera performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir conducted by Kent Nagano, with Maria Oran (soprano) and David Wilson-Johnson (baritone). Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3.
10.00 Christabel. Last episode in Dennis Potter's four-part drama about an English woman married to a German lawyer and living in Germany during the Second World War (Ceefax). (r)
10.55 The Film Club. Peter Wollen introduces the first showing on British television of the controversial film Wedding in Galilee (1987). The village mayor insists that his son will have a lavish and traditional wedding despite the fact that the Palestinians are living under Israeli domination. The festivities divide the village, especially when the Israeli military governor insists on attending. In Arabic with English subtitles. Directed by Michel Khleifi. Ends 1.00am.

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6.00 TV-am starts with Saturday Sport presented by Geoff Clark; 7.30 Wideawake.
9.25 Motormouth. Young people's entertainment. 11.30 The Partridge Family (r).
12.00 Physical Pursuits. Teams from Crawley, Epping and Willesden compete for the title of sports Centre Champions of the South.
1.00 News 1.05 LWT News and weather, followed by Saint and Greavsie. Ian and Jimmy review the week's football news and look forward to the weekend's programme. 1.35 Wrestling.
2.15 Snooker. Dickie Davies introduces live coverage of the first session in the final of the Everest World Matchplay.
4.15 The Snow Spider. Episode three of the four-part children's fantasy serial.
4.45 Results Service.
5.00 News 5.05 LWT News and weather followed by Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers.
5.35 How To Be Cool. Episode two in the three-part style story starring Roger Daltrey, features Gary Glitter and Julie Goodyear.
6.35 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays Cupid in another edition of the boy chooses girl, and girl chooses boy show (Oracle).
7.20 Beadle's About. Jeremy Beadle plays some more practical jokes on unsuspecting members of the public.
7.50 Murder, She Wrote: The Way to Dusty Death. Angela Lansbury stars as the amateur sleuth and novelist who this week investigates intrigue and murder in the boardroom.
8.45 News 9.00 LWT News.
9.05 An Audience with Victoria Wood. The comedienne faces her peers in a special show recorded in front of a celebrity audience which included Dave Allen, Dawn French, Maureen Lipman, Joan Bakewell and Denis Norden.
10.05 Sports Special. Highlights of a leading First Division football match, and the closing session of the Everest World Snooker Matchplay final.
12.00 Sledge Hammer. Spoof police series about a tought but incompetent detective.
12.30 Tennis. Highlights from the semifinals of the Nabisco Masters Doubles at the Albert Hall.
1.00 Night Network. Ex-Runaways singer Lita Ford and David Glasper of Breathe review the new singles; and David Cronenburg talks about his new film *Deadringers*.
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Disco news and music.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 How Does Your Garden Grow? Northern Ireland horticulture (r). 10.00 Moneyspinner (r).
10.30 Film: Front Page Story (1953, b/w). A day in the life of the *Daily World's* news editor (Jack Hawkins), a man of moral integrity whose marriage is suffering through his devotion to duty. Directed by Gordon Parry.
12.20 Empress Wu. Episode 58 of 65.
12.40 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster. Brough Scott with coverage of the Steele Plate and Sections Young Chasers Qualifier (1.00), Sheila's Cottage Handicap Chase (1.30), YEB and Creda Economy 7 Handicap Hurdle (2.00), and Freebooter Novices Chase (2.30).
2.40 Film: Foreign Correspondent (1940, b/w). Classic Alfred Hitchcock espionage thriller stars Joel McCrea as a foreign correspondent caught up with Nazi spies in Europe before the Second World War.
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r) (Oracle).
6.00 Right to Reply. Night-time television comes in for some criticism; Simon Holland asks why so much of it has to be nasty.
6.30 Glorious Colour. Last of Kaffe Fassett's programmes on the art of colour in knitting and needlepoint concentrates on his exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum (Oracle).
7.00 News Summary and weather.
7.05 Hollywood. Part 11 of the 13-part documentary series focuses on the Hollywood cameramen (r) (Oracle).
8.05 Game, Set and Match. Episode 11 of the series based on Len Deighton's trilogy of spy stories. One of the guests gathered for a lavish Christmas party in Berlin is the traitor that MI6 agent Samson is on the hunt for. But there are others hunting Samson himself.
9.05 Allegro: Ottorino Respighi – A Dream of Italy. The tenth in a series of films by Christopher Nupen is devoted to one of Italy's most successful composers (r).
10.30 Human Rights Now! Special concert filmed live in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in October and broadcast to mark the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Among those performing are Bruce Springsteen, Sting, Peter Gabriel and Youssou N'Dour.
1.25 Cecilia. Last episode in the Cuban drama series set in 19th-century Havana.
2.15 Barney Miller. More investigations and problems to be solved for the police captain of the 12th Precinct. Ends 2.45am.

Regional variations

BBC1 WALES: 2.05-4.00 International Rugby Union – Wales v Romania (Grandstand); 5.10-5.15 Wales on Saturday 10.15-11.15 Sportfolio 1.20 Weather, close. SCOTLAND: 12.20pm-12.40 Sportscene Preview 3.50-4.00 Sportscene Update 4.40-5.00 Scoreboard (Grandstand) 5.10-5.15 Scottish News 10.15-11.15 Sportscene; NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.50pm-5.00 Northern Ireland Results (Grandstand): 5.10-5.15 Inside Ulster Newsline ENGLAND 5.10pm-5.15 Sport

ANGLIA As London except: 11.30am America's Top 10 12.00-1.00pm The Man From UNCLE 5.05 Anglia News, Sport 5.15-5.35 Cartoon 7.50-8.45 Murder, She Wrote: Trouble in Eden 12.00 The Twilight Zone 12.55am The Hit Man And Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network (With Paul Thompson and Emma Freud).

BORDER As London except: 11.30am America's Top 10 12.00-1.00pm The Fall Guy 1.35 European Curling Championships 3.00 Snooker: Everest World Matchplay: The Final 7.50-8.45 Murder, She Wrote: If It's Thursday, It Must Be Beverly 11.05 Snooker 12.00 Kojak 12.55am The Hit Man And Her: With Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan 2.00-4.00 Night Network (With Paul Thompson and Emma Freud).

CENTRAL As London except: 11.30am The Bionic Woman 12.25pm La Linea 12.30-1.00 Star Fleet 7.50-8.45 Murder, She Wrote: Crossed-Up 12.00 Prisoner, Cell Block H 12.55am Day For Night (Jacqueline Bisset) 3.10 Matlock 4.05 America's Top 10 4.35-5.00 Cover Story.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.30am The Fall Guy 12.30pm-1.00 Ace of Aces 12.00 1st Exposure 12.40am Garrison's Gorillas 1.40 Fun in the Sun 2.00 Night Network 4.00 Company 4.05 Panic 4.35-5.00 America's Top 10.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 11.30am Beathaichean Neonach 12.00-1.00pm The Fall Guy 1.35 Curling 3.00-4.15 Snooker 10.05 European Championship Curling 11.05 Snooker 12.00 Legwork 12.55am The Hit Man And Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

GRANADA As London except: 11.30am America's Top 10 12.00-1.00pm Transworld Sport 7.50-8.45 Murder, She Wrote: Obituary for a Dead Anchor 12.00 Kojak 12.55am The Hit Man And Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

HTV WEST As London except: 11.30am America's Top 10 12.00-1.00pm The Man From UNCLE 7.50 Murder She Wrote: Witness for the Defence 12.00 Crazy Like A Fox 1.00am Throb 1.30 Married... With Children 2.00 Night Network 4.00 America's Top 10 4.30-5.00 Worlds Beyond.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variations.

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.30am Here Come The Puppets 12.30pm-1.00 America's Top 10 1.35 European Curling Championships 3.00-4.15 Snooker 5.05-5.35 The Campbells 7.50 Murder, She Wrote: Night of the Headless Horseman 10.05 European Curling Championships 11.05 Snooker 12.00 Matlock 12.55am The Hit Man and Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

TSW As London except: 11.30am America's Top 10 11.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays 12.00 Follyfoot 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 7.50-8.45 Murder, She Wrote: It Runs in the Family 12.00 The Fall Guy 1.00am The Hit Man and Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

TVS As London except: 11.30am The Fall Guy 12.30pm-1.00 Ace of Aces 12.00 1st Exposure 12.40am Garrison's Gorillas 1.40 Fun in the Sun 2.00 Night Network 4.00 Company 4.05 Panic 4.35-5.00 America's Top 10.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.30am America's Top 10 12.00-1.00pm UFO 7.50-8.45 Murder She Wrote: Indian Giver 12.00 I Spy 12.55am The Hit Man And Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

ULSTER As London except: 11.30am America's Top 10 12.00-1.00pm Highway To Heaven 7.50-8.45 Murder, She Wrote: Stage Struck 12.00 Magnum 12.55am The Hit Man And Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.30am America's Top 10 12.00-1.00pm UFO 7.50-8.45 Murder She Wrote: Stage Struck 12.00 Legwork 12.55am The Hit Man And Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

S4C Starts: 9.45am Years Ahead 10.30 A Houseful of Plants 11.00 Moneyspinner 11.30 Voice of War 12.00 Orientations 12.30pm The Three Stooges 12.45 Racing from Doncaster 2.05 Rygbi Rhyngwladol: Cymru v Romania 4.00 Film: The Nut' 5.05 Brookside 6.00 Right To Reply 6.30 The Divided Kingdom 7.00 Carreg Ateb 7.30 Newyddion 7.40 Y Maes Chwarae 8.30 Cerddorion Y Fyddin Goch 9.30 Tanner '88 10.30 Human Rights Now Concert 1.25am Cecilia 2.15 Barney Miller 2.45 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 9.00am The Whole Shebang 10.30 Action Station Saturday 1.00pm The Nancy Drew Mysteries 1.50 Alvin and the Chipmunks 2.20 Film: Blondie... Has Servant Trouble' 3.30 Film: Song of Norway 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.35 The Goodies 7.05 The Flying Doctors 8.00 Faces and Places 9.00 News 9.15 Dallas 10.15 Kenny 'Live' 11.35 Film: In Broad Daylight 12.45 News, Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 12.40pm News 12.44 Sports Stadium 5.10 On The Wings Of The Wind 6.00 Wired 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Iris '88 7.30 Family Ties 8.00 Film: The Notorious Landlady 10.10 The Modern World 11.15 Drama: Who Am I This Time? 12.15am Closedown.

Radio 1

VHF Stereo 1.00pm and 7.30 & MW (medium wave)
News on the half-hour until 12.30pm, then at 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12.00 midnight
6.00am Liz 'n' Mark with Liz Kershaw and Mark Goodier 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 A Tribute To A King. 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 The Beeb's Lost Beatle's Tapes 7.30 Robbie Vincent 10.30 The Ranking Miss P 12.00-2.00 am Night Rockin's

Radio 2

MW (Medium Wave) and VHF Stereo (except 1.00pm-7.30pm)
News on the hour until 1.00pm, then at 3.00, 6.00, 7.00, and hourly from 10.00 Headlines 6.30 am 4.00 am David Allan 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 David Jacobs 9.00 Sounds of the 60s with Simon Dee 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.00 Inman and Friends 1.30 Sport on Two with John Inverdale 6.00 Cinema 2 6.30 Brain of Sport 1988 7.00 Beat the Record 7.30 Cilla Black celebrates 25 years in show business 9.30 String Sound 10.05 Martin Kelner 12.05 am Night Owls 1.00 Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mozart (Cosi fan tutte overture: Columbia SO under Walter); Granados (Intermezzo: Tortelier, cello and Iwasaki, piano); Respighi (Ancient Airs and Dances, Set III: I Musici)
7.30 News
7.35 Boyce (Symphony No 3 in C: English Concert under Pinnock); Liszt (Romance oubliée Beths, viola and Reinhardt De Leeuw, piano); Komzak (Waltz – Mein Baden: Czech PO under Neumann); Weber (Symphony No 2 in C: Bavarian SO under Sawallisch)
8.15 The Week on 3: Presented by Susan Sharpe
8.30 News
8.35 Langham Chamber Orchestra: Mozart (Cassation in G); Bartok (Divertimento for string orchestra)
9.30 Saturday Review: Record Review: Building a Library. Beethoven's Bagatelles for piano, Op 119 and 126 (Stephen Dodgson). Alan Blyth reviews opera releases
1.00 News
1.05 Third Ear: Robert Hewison talks to people in the arts world
1.30 Scriabin: Poè tragique, Op 34; Two Poems, Op 44; Sonata No 3 in F sharp minor, Op 23 (Steuermann, piano)
2.00 From the Festivals: Three Choirs Festival. Combined choirs of Hereford, Gloucester and Worcester cathedrals with the girls of the Hereford Cathedral School Choir and the English String Orchestra under Roy Massey. Pergolesi (Magnificat); Paul Spicer (The Darling of the World - first broadcast performance); Dag Wiren (Serenade for String Orchestra); Britten (St Nicholas)
3.45 Wallfisch and Wallfisch: Raphael Wallfisch, cello and Peter Wallfisch, piano, play Beethoven, Handel and Foerster
4.30 Debut: Cambrian Brass Quintet with Ifor James, horn. Gabrieli (Canzon à ...); Crusell (Allegro for horn and brass quintet); Mouret (Rondeau in B flat); Gareth Wood (Brass Quintet)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: Interoduced by Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: Paul Bailey talks to John Carey, William Feaver and Margaret Walters
6.35 Schubert Songs: *Der Kö*; *Gretchen am Spinnrade; Gretchen's Bitte; Szenen aus Faust; Ellen's Gesang* Nos 1, 2 and 3 (Lipovsek, contralto and Parsons, piano)
7.15 Australia Ensemble: Charles Wurinen (Arrangements from a 15th-century songbook); Schoenberg (String Trio, Op 45); Carl Vine (Miniature IV): Brahms (Piano Quartet in G minor, Op 25)
8.55 Saint Francis of Assisi: Messiaen's opera based on the life of St Francis is performed at the Royal Festival Hall as part of his 80th birthday celebrations. Simultaneous broadcast with BBC2
10.15 Studio 3: Baths by Jim Cartwright (r)
10.50 Raphael Ensemble: Playing Mendelssohn and Dvorak (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast 6.00 News briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week from London during the Royal Smithfield Show 6.50 Prayer for the Day 6.55 Weather
7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.55 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Travel and holiday news
10.00 News: Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin 11.00 News: The Week in Westminster with Peter Jenkins, associate editor of the Independent
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box: With Louise Botting
12.25pm The News Quiz: Barry Took chairs the lighthearted quiz played by Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren, Peter Cook and Bill Tidy (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? from Turston in Suffolk, where Jonathan Dimbleby's panelists are the Rt Hon John Major MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Tony Blair MP; Jean Rook, associate editor of the Daily Express; and Sue Slipman, Director of the National Council for One-Parent Families (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News: The Best of Times – the Worst of Times: The life of Charles Dickens in seven parts, with Martin Jarvis (5) (s)
2.40 Treasure Islands: Penelope Lively presents the children's book programme (r)
3.00 News: Running Away: Play by William Trevor (s)
4.15 Heard not Seen: What do 11-year-olds think of themselves, their lives and the world around them?
4.30 Science Now: Presented by Peter Evans
5.00 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to Rosemary Cramp, Professor of Archaeology at Durham University
5.25 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00pm News, incl Sports Round-up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop The Week with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Saturday-night Theatre "The Watched Pot" by Saki (s)
9.00 Music in Mind: Richard Baker with words and music (s)
9.50 Ten To Ten: A reading, a hymn and a reflection (s)
9.59 Weather 10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: The Write Side Of The Law. Sue Cook investigates the role of handwriting analysis in exposing forgery and fraud
10.45 Pen to Paper: Poetry, prose and song by writers new to radio (s)
11.00 Perseus Pin Investigates: First of two Agatha Christie send-ups by Stephen Sheridan. 1: Death on the Davenport (s)
11.30 Dial M For Pizza: Comedy show (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast

VHF as LW except: 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.30-5.00 Options: 4.30 Community Matters 5.00 Inside Science, Building Roads 5.30 Back in 25 Minutes

SUNDAY

BBC1

8.35 The Flashing Blade. Swashbuckling adventure series (r). 8.55 Playbus (r). 9.15 Umbrella. Religious series for children. 9.30 Sunday Worship. 10.00 Working the System. (Ceefax). 10.10 Spelling It Out. (Ceefax). 10.20 Help Your Child with Maths (r).
10.35 Russian Language and People. Likes and dislikes (r). 11.00 Deutsch direkt! (r).
11.25 Bazaar (r). 11.50 British Sign Language. A beginner's guide (Ceefax) (r).
12.05 See Hear! Magazine for the hearing impaired.
12.30 Country File. Anne Brown examines the old Irish tradition of giving a "Luckpenny".
1.00 News followed by On the Record.
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (Ceefax).
3.00 Film: The Magnificent Seven (1960). Classic western based on Kurasawa's *The Seven Samurai*. Starring Yul Brynner, Steve McQueen, Horst Buchholz, Charles Bronson, Robert Vaughn, Brad Dexter and James Coburn as the eponymous gunslingers called in to protect a Mexican village from bandits. Directed by John Sturges. (Ceefax).
5.00 Harold Lloyd Double Bill (b/w).
5.20 The Clothes Show. Fashion magazine series.
5.45 The Chronicles of Narnia. Continuing the adaptation of C. S. Lewis's tale for children, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (Ceefax).
6.15 Spelling It Out. (Ceefax).
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather.
6.40 Songs of Praise from St Anselm's, Tooting Bec, London (Ceefax).
7.15 Film: Mr Mum (1983). Role reversal comedy starring Michael Keaton as an executive who becomes a house husband and Teri Garr as his wife who becomes the family breadwinner. Directed by Stan Dragoti. (Ceefax).
8.45 Bread. Liverpudlian sitcom about a resourceful family coping with unemployment (Ceefax).
9.15 The Rainbow. Second episode of a three-part film serial based on D. H. Lawrence's novel. With Imogen Stubbs and Tom Bell (Ceefax).
10.15 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather.
10.30 Heart of the Matter. Many Welsh people feel threatened by the influx of English "immigrants". Joan Bakewell examines the upsurge in Welsh nationalism.
11.05 Facing up to Aids. Two people describe how they cope with living with Aids.
11.35 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore looks at "close approach" asteroids.
11.55 Network East (r). 12.35 Weather, close.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax. 9.25 Now on Two starts with Laurel and Hardy (r). 9.30 Popeye and Son.
10.00 Blue Peter Omnibus. 10.50 Boss Cat (r).
11.15 Boxpops. Pop music and popular television programmes with an outer space connection.
12.00 Reportage. Updated repeat of DEF II's current affairs magazine shown on Wednesday. 12.45 Out of the Inkwell (r).
12.50 The Mind Machine. Colin Blakemore continues exploring the brain with a look at ageing (r).
1.40 40 Minutes: Jam Today. Documentary about the despair brought about by being seduced into buying now and paying later (r) (Ceefax).
2.20 The Week in the Lords with Christopher Jones.
3.00 Chuck Jones Presents Tex Avery. Celebration of the famous animator (r). 3.50 The Man Who Planted Trees. Award-winning animation (r).
4.20 Music in Camera. Cecile Ousset plays the second book of Debussy's Preludes.
5.00 Rugby Special. Highlights from the Inter-Divisional Championship; plus Romania v Wales at Cardiff Arms Park.
5.55 Ski Sunday. David Vine reports on the Men's Downhill Race in the Groden Valley.
6.35 The Money Programme. Michael Robinson on the prospects for consumers when Europe becomes a single market in 1992.
7.15 The Great Rift. Second of the series visits the Serengeti plains, where the Masai people live alongside the millions of wild animals, and where Africa's deepest lake can be found.
8.10 Face to Face. In 1962, when he was just 25 and being hailed as the new Laurence Olivier, Albert Finney was interviewed by John Freeman (r).
8.40 Sound on Film: Duet in the Road. Composer Michael Finnissy has taken a film extract about Bartok and fused it with music and images of a Transylvanian village dance.
9.20 Grandmaster Clash. The comedian Stephen Fry reveals his love of chess when he reports on the 28th Chess Olympiad held in Salonica.
10.15 Mountain Language. Harold Pinter's play about a mythical country where some languages are banned and those who speak them are imprisoned. Directed by the author. With Michael Gambon and Miranda Richardson.
10.35 Film: Citizens Band (1977). Jonathan Demme's comic and off-beat portrait of small town America centres on a group of people bound together by their love of C B radio. With Paul Le Mat as a self-appointed guardian of the airwaves (Ceefax). Ends 12.15am.

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6.00 TV-am introduced by George Spanswick.
8.00 David Frost on Sunday. Includes news at 8.00 and 9.00; and a review of the day's papers at 8.30. 9.25 Fraggle Rock (r). 9.55 Motormouth. 10.30 Follyfoot (r).
11.00 Morning Worship. From Whickham in Tyneside.
12.00 The Big Switch – Tomorrow's Television. MPs and peers discuss the Government's revolutionary plans for broadcasting.
1.00 News. 1.10 LWT News and weather.
1.15 Police 5. 1.30 LWT Action on the female disease Chlamydia. 1.40 Link interviews Tom Lennon, author of *The Year of the Cabbage*.
2.00 The Human Factor examines the work of the Medical Foundation for the Care and Treatment of Victims of Torture.
2.30 Benson. American comedy series.
3.05 The Match. Liverpool v Everton at Anfield.
5.05 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game.
5.35 Brian Walden interviews Princess Anne. The Princess Royal talks about her work for Save the Children Fund and her position as president of the British Olympic Association.
6.30 News. 6.35 LWT News and weather.
6.40 Appeal on behalf of Elizabeth Fitzroy Homes.
6.45 Highway visits the Settle and Carlisle Railway.
7.15 Film: Visions of Death (1972). Made-for-television thriller about a clairvoyant who becomes the prime suspect when he successfully predicts crimes. With Monte Markham, Barbara Anderson and Telly Savalas. Directed by Lee H Katzin.
8.45 News 9.00 LWT weather.
9.05 The Beiderbecke Connection. Part three of the comedy drama serial with James Bolam and Barbara Flynn. (Oracle).
9.40 News. 9.55 LWT weather.
10.05 Spitting Image. Satirical puppet series.
10.35 The South Bank Show. Profile of John Houseman, the film producer, actor, writer and director, who collaborated with Orson Welles on *Citizen Kane* and *War of the Worlds*, and who won an Oscar at the age of 70.
11.35 Tennis. Highlights from today's action in the Men's Masters Doubles Championship.
1.05 Hawaii Five-O. Vintage detective series (r).
2.00 The Other Side of Midnight.
2.30 Pick of the Week. Presented by James Whale, who is dubbed the rudest man on radio.
3.00 P.O.V. Drama, documentary and comedy.
4.00 American College Football. Texas v Tescam AM. 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends 6.00am.

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Orientations. A further report on the thriving Chinatown in Paris; and an assessment of the homelessness problem in South Korea.
10.00 The World This Week. After Gorbachov's speech to the United Nations about troop withdrawal from Europe, should we still be scared of the Soviet Union?
11.00 The Waltons. The story of Appalachian mountain folk during America's Depression years of the Thirties.
12.00 Treasure Hunt in Devon (r).
1.00 Lost in Space. Vintage science fiction serial.
2.00 Film: Old Heidelberg (1927, b/w). Recently restored silent drama about a prince who falls in love with the daughter of the landlord of his rooms at university. With Norma Shearer. Directed by Ernst Lubitsch.
4.00 The Three Stooges in *Pardon my Scotch* (b/w).
4.20 Defeat in the West (b/w). Milton Shulman's analysis of the defeat of Nazi Germany including German archive film (r).
5.10 News summary and weather.
5.15 The Business Programme examines the City's prospects in the wake of Morgan Grenfell's withdrawal from equity operations; plus the effect of scrapping the tied house system.
5.45 American Football. Pittsburgh Steelers at the Houston Oilers.
7.00 Taming the Flood. Second of three documentary films on environmental issues looks back to the days of the great wetlands (Oracle).
8.00 Testament. John Romer continues his series on the Bible from an historical point of view.
9.00 The Media Show. The battle for the Christmas television audience; plus a look at three new westerns, *Sunset*, *Young Guns* and *War Party*.
10.00 Film: Phantom of the Paradise (1974). Brian de Palma's musical horror spoof based on *The Phantom of the Opera* and *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. A young rock composer seeks revenge when his record label boss cheats and disfigures him. With Paul Williams.
11.45 Crossing the Line. On the eve of the sentencing of athlete David Jenkins for his alleged part in drug smuggling, a revised repeat of the documentary that was originally shown as a prelude to the 1988 Olympic Games (r).
12.45 Film: Aiyam Aiyam (1978). Dramatized documentary by Ahmed el Maanouni depicting the problems a Moroccan peasant causes by leaving to work in France. Ends 2.25am.

Regional variations

BBC1 WALES: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming in Wales 12.35-12.40am News, close; SCOTLAND: 10.30pm The Quest 11.05-11.35 Focal Point Special NORTHERN IRELAND: 3.00pm-4.35 Film: I Was Monty's Double 4.35 The Armada in Ireland 4.55 Ye Tell Me That 5.20-5.45 Video Picture Show

ANGLIA As London except: 1.10pm News 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 2.30-3.00 Bullseye 5.05-5.35 Thanks a Million! 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.25am First Exposure 1.05 Other Side of Midnight 1.35-4.00 Film: Journey to the Centre of the Earth.

BORDER As London except: 1.10pm News 1.15 Landmark 1.45-2.00 Link 2.30-3.00 ALF 11.30 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Hans Christian Andersen 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.10pm News 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 2.30-3.00 Sporting Triangles 11.30 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Film: Call Him Savage 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.00 Hit Man and Her 4.00 Other Side of Midnight 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.10pm Reflections 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 2.30-3.00 Sporting Triangles 11.30 Wildabout 12.00 Film: Crime Club 1.30am Other Side of Midnight 2.00 Up in Arms 4.05 Coast to Coast People 4.35-5.00 Island Life.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 11.00am America's Top Ten 11.30-12.00 Shakespeare Trilogy 1.15 Landmark 1.45-2.00 Link 2.30 Highway to Heaven 3.30 Prove It 4.00-5.35 Scotsport 11.30 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Hans Christian Andersen 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

GRANADA As London except: 1.15pm This Is Your Right 1.35-1.40 Aap Kaa Hak 2.30-3.00 Down to Earth 11.30 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Hans Christian Andersen 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.15pm Farming Wales 1.45-2.00 Link 2.30-3.00 Who's The Boss? 11.30 Donahue 12.25am Magnum 1.20am Film: Black Tulip 3.20 Other Side of Midnight 3.50 Hit Man and Her 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 2.00-2.30pm Wales on Sunday.

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.00am-12.00 One Antarctic Summer 1.15pm Link 1.30 Blockbusters 2.00 Seeing the Invisible 2.30 Glen Michael's Cavalcade 3.30 Prove It 4.00-5.35 Scotsport 11.30 Starring the Actors 12.00 Crann Tara 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: A Little Romance 4.00-5.00 Power House.

TSW As London except: 10.30am-11.00 Gardens for All 1.10pm-1.40 Farming News 2.30 Fisheries News 2.45-3.00 Gus Honeybun 11.30 Space 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Hans Christian Andersen 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

TVS As London except: 1.10pm News 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 2.30-3.00 Sporting Triangles 11.30 Agenda 12.00 Film: Crime Club 1.30am Other Side of Midnight 2.00 Film: Up in Arms 4.05 Coast to Coast People 4.35-5.00 Island Life.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.10pm News 1.15 Landmark 1.45-2.00 Link 2.30-3.00 Sporting Triangles 11.30 Mary 12.00 Inner Space 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Hans Christian Andersen 4.00-5.00 Power Hour.

ULSTER As London except: 1.10pm Newstime 1.15 Farming Ulster 1.45-2.00 Link 2.30-3.00 Sporting Triangles 11.30 V 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Hans Christian Andersen 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.15pm Link 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 2.30-3.00 ALF 11.30 Scrumdown 12.30am Film: Marilyn: The Untold Story 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.00 Other Side of Midnight 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: 9.15 Haloc 10.00 World This Week 11.00 Waltons 12.00 Treasure Hunt 1.00pm Other Europe 2.00 Film: The First of the Few' 4.15 Equinox 5.15 Business Programme 5.45 American Football 7.00 Charlie Chaplin' 7.15 Sam Tan 7.25 Newyddion 7.30 Hen Wlad O Gastell Y Waun 8.00 Minafon 8.45 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.15 Hel Straeon 9.45 Dyddiau Dyn 10.25 Dal Oes Neb Wedi Gweld Duw Erioed 10.30 Monarchy 11.45 Crossing the Line 12.45am Film: Sarraounia 2.25 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 9.55am Deutsch Direkt 10.20 Espana Viva 10.45 Micros in the Classroom 11.15 Service 12.00 Market Place 12.30pm Oil 1.25 Hard Times 1.55 Brookside 2.25 Nature Watch 2.55 Late Late Show 5.40 News 6.01 The Cavanaughs 6.30 Scarecrow and Mrs King 7.30 Murphy's Golden Movies 8.00 Where in the World? 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 She's Got It 10.20 Questions and Answers 11.15 Ray Bradbury Theatre 11.45 News, Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 10.15am Flintstone Kids 10.40 Battlestar Galactica 11.30 Beat Box 1.30pm Whole Shebang 2.30 Abel's Island 3.00 Opera: Turandot 5.30 Piano Plus 6.00 Newsweek 6.25 Survival 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Suil Thart 7.30 Market Place 8.00 Film: Draw 9.50 Golf 11.20 Soccer 12.20am Closedown.

Radio 1

VHF Stereo & MW (medium wave)
News on the half-hour until 12.30pm, then at 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 10.30 and 12.00
6.00am Liz 'n' Mark 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Sunday Oldies 3.00 Going Live on Radio 1 4.00 The Chart Quiz 4.30 Chartbusters 5.00 Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale Request Show 9.00 Soul Train 11.00-2.00am Scott on Sunday

Radio 2

VHF Stereo (except 5.00pm-7.00pm) & MW (medium wave)
News on the hour (except 8.00pm) Headlines 7.30
4.00 Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 BBC CO Showcase 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Solid Gold Music Show 7.30 The Piano World of Stanley Black 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.05 Songs from the Shows 10.45 Neil Richardson 11.00 Sounds of Jazz 1.00am Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines
7.00 Jack Brymer: Fifth of seven programmes. Vivaldi (Concerto in C for two oboes, two clarinets and orchestra: London Baroque Ensemble Sutcliffe and James, oboes; Brymer and Waters, clarinets under Haas); Schumann (Phantasiestü 73); Fauré Op 78: Brymer, clarinet and David Lloyd, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Schubert and Britten: Schubert, arr Mahler (*Der Tod und das Mädchen* Movement: Pears, tenor and Britten, piano); Britten (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge, Op 10: Langham Chamber Orchestra under Mackerras)
8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Hummel (Rondo Brillant, Op 56: Slovak PO under Slovak with Macudzinski, piano); Blow (Ode on the Death of Mr Henry Purcell: Soloists under Leonhardt); Maw (Sonata for Strings and two horns: ECO under Del Mar); Puccini (*In questa reggia*: LPO under Barbirolli with soloists); Quantz (Flute Concerto in G: Zurich CO under De Stoutz with Graf, flute); Nielsen (Commotio: Elisabeth Westenholz, organ)
10.30 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Roger Nichols gives a 50th anniversary assessment on Maurice Emmanuel
11.15 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra in Brussels: Conducted by Kiss. Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1, in E flat: with Jorge Bolet, piano); Dvorak (Symphony No 7, in D minor)
12.55 Philip Martin (piano): Brahms (Scherzo in E flat minor, Op 4); Fauré (Nocturne No 6 in D flat); Schumann (Fantasy in C, Op 17)
1.55 Third Ear: Writers talking. Hermione Lee talks to Seamus Heaney (r)
2.20 Warwick Arts Festival 1988: London Winds play Strauss and Tippett
4.15 Campra: *Ené Didon* (Les Arts Florissants under Christie)
4.35 Celebrity Recital: Melos Quartet play Beethoven, Brahms and Janacek
6.15 The Secret Lottery: French theatre and the Catholic tradition during the Second World War
7.00 British Music: The BBC Concert Orchestra and Symphony Chorus perform Walton, Finzi and Vaughan Williams under Gareth Morrell
8.00 Livre du Saint Sacrement: Messiaen's most recent work for organ played by Almut Rö
10.00 The 1988 Reith Lectures: Fifth of six talks by Geoffrey Hosking
10.30 An Act of Worship for Advent: recorded in Durham Cathedral
11.30 Glinka: Grand sextet in E flat, played by Capricorn
12.00-12.05 News

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) A selection of music
6.30 News: Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather
7.00 News 7.15 The Living World: Derek Jones visits the Lake District to watch thousands of charr spawning in the lakes
7.40 Sunday: Religious news and views with Clive Jacobs 7.55 Weather 8.00 News
8.50 The Week's Good Cause: Canon Geoffrey Brown talks about the St Martins-in-the-Fields Christmas Appeal 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service from the Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul, Clifton, Bristol
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand with Nick Comfort
11.30 Pick of the Week with Peter White (s)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Charles Dance (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: from Northern Ireland
2.30 Taybridge: play by Gerry Jones (s)
3.30 The Radio Programme: Presented by Laurie Taylor (r)
4.00 News: The New Professionals
4.47 Enquire Within (new series): Dilly Barlow takes listeners' questions to experts and the BBC reference library
5.00 News: Down Your Way: Christopher Martin-Jenkins visits Horsham 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather 6.00 News
6.15-6.30 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments on BBC programmes and policy (r)
6.30 Telling Tales: David Wade talks to storytellers (s)
7.00 News: Open Mind: Hugo Young invites three leading figures to find new perspectives on a current issue
7.30 Crown House: A family saga (7 of 8) (s)
8.00 Bookshelf: With Nigel Forde
8.30 All in The Mind: Professor Anthony Clare with a magazine programme (r)
9.00 News: In On a Wing And a Tale: RAF pilot John Lewis recalls some of his extraordinary assignments in the Middle East after the war (s)
9.15 The Natural History Programme 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Against the Stream: Feature marking the 20th anniversary of the death of Karl Barth a challenging Christian writer
11.00 In Committee
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Stanley Brinkman shares an encounter through scriptures (s)
12.00-12.30 News, incl 12.20 Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
VHF as LW except: 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.00-6.00 Options: 4.00 Education Matters 4.30 Room to Listen, Room to Talk 5.00 Deutsch Direkt! 5.30 France Extra!

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5.Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m;VHF-92-95. LBC: 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF95.8. Greater London Radio: 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9. World Service: MF648kHz/463m.

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Cricket's charm under threat

Short-pitched bowling endangers not only batsmen but also the game itself.

John Woodcock reports from Melbourne

Pakistan enter the cricketing fray here today when they meet West Indies in the first of the season's one-day internationals for the World Series Cup. Australia join in tomorrow, also against Pakistan. A triangular competition, it will be played in two parts, separated by the third Test match between Australia and West Indies, which begins in Melbourne on Christmas Eve.

West Indies have had their setbacks recently in one-day cricket, failing to qualify for the semi-finals of the World Cup in India and Pakistan a year ago, then being whitewashed by England in the Texaco Trophy in May; and one of the reasons for this is the length which they were not allowed to bowl. It could be said that the second Test match in Perth, which West Indies won earlier this week, would have been a better match played under one-day regulations. It would certainly have been a very different one.

As Test cricket has come to be played, fast bowlers can pitch just about as short as they like, as often as it suits them. Such attempts as were made to stop them from doing so in Perth amounted to nothing, other than a flea in the ear from the West Indian captain for the umpire who eventually got round to mentioning it. In one-day cricket now, if the ball "passes or would have passed above the shoulder height of the striker standing in his normal batting stance at the crease, either umpire shall call or signal 'No Ball'."

If the same rule had applied in Perth, West Indies would have bowled not only the 89 no-balls they did for over-stepping but a hundred or two more for under-pitching. Hence their greater circumspection when it comes to the one-day game. The Patrick Patterson who bowled in the World Cup last year, off a shortened run and to a fullish length, for fear of being no-balled, was another cricketer from the one who was like a house on fire in Perth.

The second Test was, in fact, a curious blend of good and bad, the estimable and the unpalatable. There was a wide range of batsmanship, much of it entertaining and courageous; the bowling was, as I have suggested, far less attractive, while Australia's catching had to be seen to be believed, it was so awful.

What the match lacked was charm. There were times when it bordered on the fraught, not the most fraught I have seen, by any means, but bad enough not to be glossed over, as is being done. The pitch was obviously a contributory factor.

It was no match for a senior laboratory technician, who was never a cricketer himself, to be making his first appearance as a Test umpire. Terry Prue must have been thankful when it was over. Intimidation has got so out of hand, when conditions encourage it, that it is a job to know who is going to stop it, and how — unless the laws are changed.

To hear a former Australian Test player blame Lawson for not wearing a visor on his helmet, without raising so much as a murmur of unease at the venom behind the ball which felled him, told only too clearly of what passes now for normal practice.

Having said that, I am bound to add that not until I sat in the "outer" last Saturday afternoon did I realize the extent to which the West Indians are provoked. A fast bowler subjected to such derision as Patterson was then can hardly be blamed, given half a chance, for taking it out on the home batsmen.

Regarding the abundance of no-balls in Perth they were, I think, as much an indictment of the front-foot law as of the bowlers' indifference to it. The change to the front foot, which came about in 1969, was introduced as a counter to dragging. The bad dragger, with a long last stride, would be well past the bowling crease by the time he delivered the ball.

When England were in Australia in 1958-59, pictures showed Gordon Rorke, who played in the last two Test matches, with his back foot past even the popping crease with the ball still in his hand, he had such a huge delivery stride. Trueman was a dragger; so was Lindwall. But there were measures that could be taken to right the wrong.

Although the crowd figures issued for the Perth Test match added up to just over 40,000 people for the five days, they were viewed with a good deal of suspicion. To watch Richards, still the world's most compelling batsman, resume his innings on the second morning, a Saturday, there were not many more in the ground than there might have been for the first day of Warwickshire against Derbyshire at Nuneaton.

If Australia's lack of success — they have lost eight of their last nine series, and are now well on the way to losing this one — is a part of the reason for that, so, inevitably, is the growth of the one-day game. To see Australia play Pakistan tomorrow, they will no doubt pack them in at the Adelaide Oval.

THE EVIDENCE

The table of results since January 1, 1987, shows how West Indies' pre-eminence in Test cricket is not matched by their record in one-day internationals.

TEST MATCHES

	P	W	D	L
Australia	2	2	0	0
England	5	4	1	0
India	4	1	2	1
Pakistan	3	1	1	1
New Zealand	3	1	1	1
Total	17	9	5	3

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS

	P	W	L
Australia	5	3	2
England	8	1	7
India	10	8	2
New Zealand	3	3	0
Pakistan	9	7	2
Sri Lanka	2	2	0
Total	37	24	13



Quelling the fire: Patterson found the limited overs game limiting his run and his success

Injured Imran is doubtful

Adelaide (AFP) — Imran Khan, who is suffering from a knee injury sustained when struck in the nets by Mohsin Kamal, is still uncertain of playing against Australia and West Indies when the World Series Cup begins here this weekend.

Javed Miandad, his deputy and former Pakistan captain, is also doubtful after being unable to play in three warm-up games in northern Queensland because of a back complaint. Abdul Qadir, the leg spinner, is expected to be included in the Pakistan team despite not having arrived here until yesterday.

The West Indies one-day team is certain not to vary much from its successful Test format, although Roger Harper, the all-rounder, looks likely to play because of his fielding skills.

VISAKHAPATNAM: New Zealand, beaten 2-1 in their Test series and depleted by the absence of Richard Hadlee, take on a resurgent India in a one-day international series which begins here today. The 10-day series takes both teams across the country with halts at this southern Indian port city, at Cuttack in the east, Indore in central India, Baroda in the west and Jammu in the north.

Hadlee, who missed last year's World Cup, citing the extensive and strenuous travel involved across the sub-continent, flew home after India wrapped up the three-Test series in Hyderabad this week. He has been replaced by the medium-fast bowler Willie Watson.

But India have suffered a set-back of their own with the all-rounder, Ravi Shastri, pulling out of the series because of a sprained right ankle, to be replaced in a 14-member squad by the batsman, Sanjay Manjrekar. The home team is almost certain to cap their 25-year-old opening batsman, V.B. Chandrashekhar, who is cast in the same mould as his dashing Tamil Nadu state team-mate and Indian opener, Krishnamachari Srikkanth. Chandrashekhar comes into the Indian squad after scoring a century off 53 balls in a domestic first-class match in October.

Stewards and jockeys stay locked in talks

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

The jockeys and the stewards were last night locked in earnest consultation in the weighing room at Cheltenham racecourse on the vexed question of what constitutes the correct use of the whip.

Recently there has been an outcrop of cases. The first occurred when Declan Murphy was referred to Portman Square over his use of the whip on Matbar at Kempton on November 16. However, on this occasion the jockey was exonerated at the disciplinary committee inquiry, after a powerful plea from Barney Curley, the trainer.

Since then there have been four cases. Steve Smith Eccles was banned from riding for three days after an incident at Nottingham on November 18. Peter Scudamore and Lorcan Wyer were then both given a two-day ban for improper use of the whip on two horses in the same race at Haydock Park on November 24. Scudamore rode Run And Skip and Wyer had been on Little Polveir. Both jockeys were stood down for two days.

A crisis in jockeys' minds arrived after Richard Dunwoody was also suspended for two days after it had been alleged that he had hit Lalitpour 18 times when the pair finished second in the last race on Hennessy Day at Newbury. Dunwoody was also stood down for two days.

Discussing the reasons for the meeting, David Pipe, the Jockey Club public relations manager, said: "The jockeys wish to raise two points. First, the stewards are asked to be consistent. The jockeys, on the other hand, want them to be able to be flexible. The two things are hardly compatible. The second point concerns the amount of times they are allowed to hit a horse and also about the question of marking."

The present guidelines were laid down by the Jockey Club in a directive in March. The following directive was issued afterwards. "Riders are warned that stewards at meetings have been requested by the stewards of the Jockey Club to exercise fully their powers under rules 15 and 153 of the Rules of Racing by imposing suspension in all cases of improper use of the whip.

"Without imposing any limitations upon the powers of Stewards of Meetings to hold inquiries, the stewards of the Jockey Club have recommended that stewards should consider inquiring into any case where a rider has used his whip more than 10 times, either in a Flat race or after the penultimate obstacle in a steeplechase or hurdle race."

On the Flat these guidelines were effective and there was little trouble. But Dunwoody points out the essential difference between racing under both codes of rules.

"The Flat is very different from jumping. On the Flat the races are shorter and take place on firmer ground. The horses are always running and in their stride. So they don't really need all that encouragement.

"Steeplechasing is a very different matter," he continued. "Some of these old three-milers have been around for a long time. If you can't give them one or two occasionally to keep their mind on the job, you might as well not go out on the track in the first place."

David Nicholson, Dunwoody's employer, supports the jockeys. "The whole thing has got out of hand and these latest suspensions have gone too far. No one wants to see horses punished unnecessarily or knocked about. But a jockey's job is to go out and win his race. I watched Richard on Lalitpour at Newbury. He was hitting the horse correctly and in rhythm."

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Bruno Arizona-bound

The British boxing promoter, Mickey Duff, left for Arizona yesterday to set up a training camp for Frank Bruno, in the hope that the British heavyweight's bout with the world champion, Mike Tyson, is on again.

The American's manager, Bill Cayton, said that after all the postponements the contest looked set for the Las Vegas Hilton on February 25. "Agreements are being prepared," Cayton said. "I believe the deal will be made."

Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, said: "I understand that Tyson has gone back to the Catskill mountains, where he trains. That has got to be a good sign. Frank has been ready all along and, if February 25 is the date, I'm sure he'll want to go to the United States as soon as Christmas is over. Mickey is working on a camp because we have to be ready."

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Parrott in second big final

By Steve Acteson

John Parrott will attempt to clinch the first big title of his career in the final of the Everest world matchplay snooker tournament at the Brentwood Centre, Essex, today with a record £100,000 first prize also at stake over the best of 17 frames.

There was so much ballyhoo over Parrott's potential, albeit none from the man himself when he entered the professional lists in 1983, that it seems hard to believe today sees him in only his second important final.

Steve Davis, the world champion, and who beat Parrott in the Mercantile final last January, was favoured to again provide Parrott's opposition today when, last night, he took full advantage of a series of blunders by Jimmy White to lead 6-2 in their semi-final.

White beat Davis in the BCE Canadian Masters final last month by exerting so much pressure that Davis simply crumbled.

Yesterday, however, elegant breaks by Davis were the fitting punishment for White's crimes of omission and none more so than in the last two frames of the afternoon session when sloppy errors by the world No. 2 gave Davis the opportunity for successive breaks of 70 and 62.

Worst still for White, he missed the brown in frame six to end his clearance of 117 with a possible 139 and the high break prize for £10,000 seemingly in his grasp.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: J Parrott (Eng) bt S Hendry (Scot), 9-6. Frame scores (Hendry first): 53-75, 15-67, 21-77, 78-24, 69-36, 43-73, 93-8, 19-63, 76-19 119-13, 86-1, 39-63, 0-96, 44-73, 43-78. S Davis (Eng) leads J White (Eng), 6-2. Frame scores (Davis first): 42-58, 85-3, 67-54, 66-46, 70-10, 0-117, 80-62, 86-9.

Grobbelaar's request for a move gets a cool reception

By Ian Ross

Liverpool and Everton, were yesterday weighing up the consequences of unwelcome pieces of news 48 hours before their televised meeting at Anfield.

Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, confirmed that the goalkeeper, Bruce Grobbelaar, the Zimbabwean international, had asked for a transfer. Colin Harvey, his Everton counterpart, reported that Graeme Sharp, the Scottish international forward, had undergone a hernia operation and would be unavailable until at least the end of January.

Sharp's absence will severely weaken a squad which was reduced in size a fortnight ago when Adrian Heath, his obvious replacement, was allowed to join Espanol, the Spanish first division club.

Grobbelaar is known to be unhappy about his failure to win back a regular first team place following his recovery from a bout of meningitis, contracted in mid-September. In his absence Mike Hooper has proved an admirable understudy and has, on several occasions, been praised in public by his manager.

Grobbelaar's request, which will be discussed by the Liverpool board just before Christmas, is unlikely to be granted as he is contracted to the club until the summer of 1991. "I am not prepared to say what my recommendation will be as we have far more important things to think about at the moment," said Dalglish.

Sharp underwent corrective surgery in a High Wycombe clinic yesterday morning some eight weeks after first sustaining a groin injury. He is the fourth Everton player to undergo such an operation in two years.

"It is obviously a blow because I believe Graeme to be the finest centre forward in British football. If, as we are hoping, his recovery follows the same pattern as the lads he should be back in action within six to eight weeks," said Harvey.

Wayne Clarke, who recently asked to be placed on the transfer list, will definitely partner Tony Cottee while Nevin, the Scottish international winger, is included in the senior squad for the first time since undergoing a cartilage operation in September. Sheedy, the Republic of Ireland international, is also called up after recovering from injury.

Molby, the Danish international who was released from prison 10 days ago, could return to the Liverpool side after proving his fitness in a reserve team game. Rush may also be recalled after missing last weekend's game at Arsenal because of a hip injury.

Liverpool have won only one League game at Anfield so far this season while Everton are unbeaten in their last eight fixtures. "We have now had a fair run which has helped to build up our confidence. We are going to Anfield to get a good result but if we can do ourselves a favour in the eyes of the television audience, all well and good," Harvey said.

Dennis maintains his innocence of charge

By Louise Taylor

Mark Dennis, the black sheep of Queen's Park Rangers, was yesterday charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the Football Association 24 hours after QPR imposed a two-week club suspension on their controversial defender, who was sent off for the twelfth time in a reserve game against Fulham.

Eric Dinnie, the FA disciplinary spokesman said: "This charge has been brought because of the nature of the particular offence. The referee's report alleges that he spat at another player and spitting is something we do not want in football."

Dennis denies the charge. "I have had my share of problems in the past and readily admit my part in them but this time I can honestly say I've done nothing wrong. I did not spit," he said.

The FA has asked Graham Roberts, of Chelsea, to provide it with his observations on an incident during last month's second division match at Bradford City when he was alleged to have exchanged foul mouthed insults with a section of the crowd.

After consultation with the Crown Prosecution Service West Yorkshire police decided to take no action against Roberts, other than to write a letter detailing their findings to the FA. "We have received the letter from the police and are now waiting for Mr Roberts' observations," an FA spokesman said yesterday.

Confusion over tour to India

By Richard Streeton

The likelihood of 15 English county cricketers making a private tour to India in late January received a setback yesterday when conflicting statements about it were made in both countries. While senior Indian officials denied all knowledge of the proposed visit by players such as Mike Gatting and Chris Cowdrey, the London entrepreneur planning the tour remained hopeful it would go ahead.

B. N. Dutt, the Indian Board of Control's president, and Raj Singh, chairman of selectors, said they knew nothing about a proposal for a five-week private tour. "No such plan has been put before the board," Mr Dutt said.

In London the man behind the plan, Cyril Champness, was adamant that he had telexed full details of his proposal to Singh and he hoped to have a satisfactory response in a few days. He insists that neither he nor the squad of cricketers he has sounded out are doing anything wrong. He says initial comments from Gatting and Cowdrey, which pour cold water on their involvement, are purely defensive reactions from players anxious not to upset authority.

Gatting and Cowdrey confirmed that they heard about the suggested tour in early October shortly after England's official tour to India was called off when several team members with South African links were denied visas. Gatting said he had heard nothing for more than two months "and they would be very pushed indeed to get me to go to India at this stage."

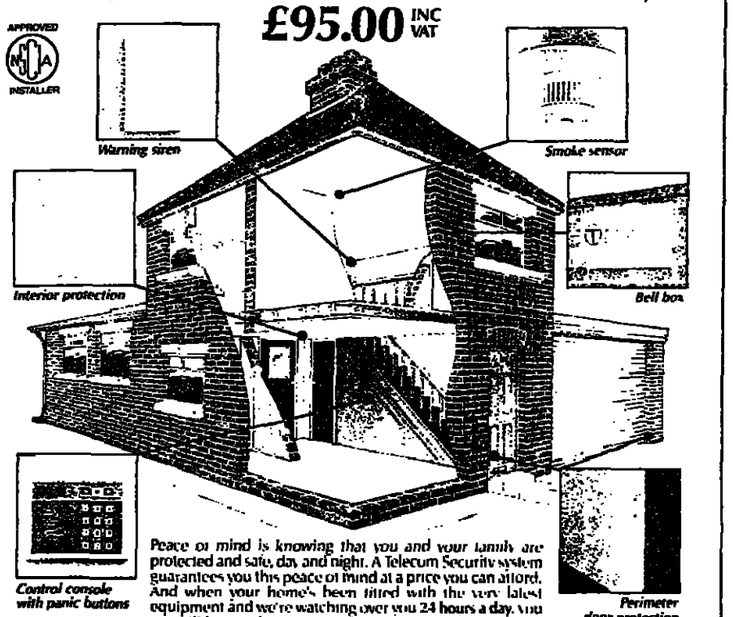
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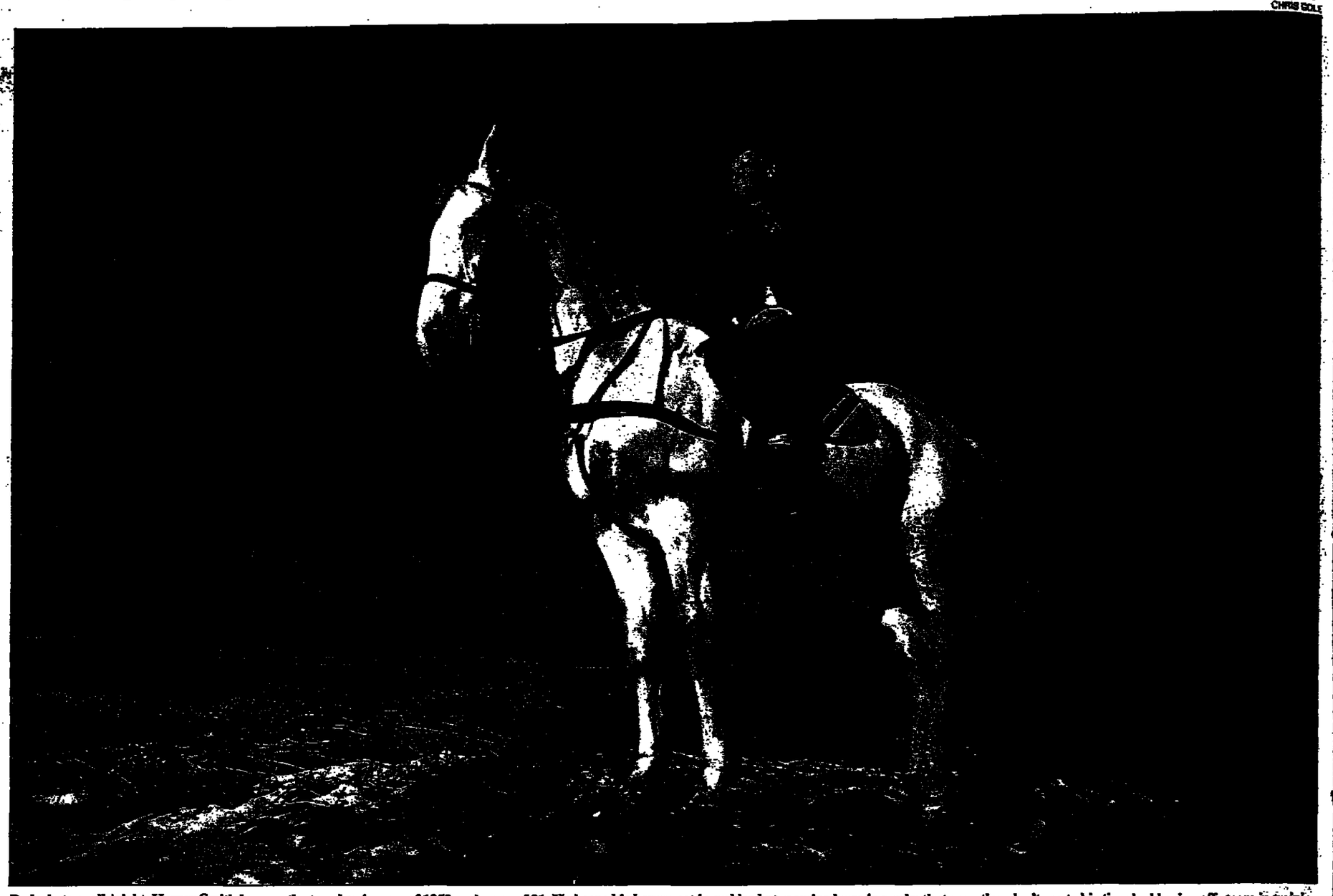
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Soft touch beneath the bridle

Harvey Smith suffers charities more gladly than fools. Libby Purves bearded him


CHRIS SOLE

Rude, but usually right: Harvey Smith became the top showjumper of 1959 at the age of 21. He keeps his horses not in stables but roaming loose in yards; that way, they don't waste his time by blowing off steam in training

Harvey Smith sat drinking wine in a bleak dressing-room at the Tunbridge Wells Assembly Hall. He was preparing to go on stage with the fabled one-man cabaret show in which he discourses to entranced, slightly wary provincial audiences in a style somewhere between Dave Allen, Alexei Sayle, and a Sheffield taxi-driver. This is his income supplement and show-biz outlet, replacing the professional wrestling circuit on which for a few years he did quite well: cabaret provides the same sort of extrovert buzz, with fewer injuries.

Not every top-flight showjumper would have the energy to emulate him, even if he could get the bookings. But Harvey Smith's energy is as legendary as his alarming Yorkshire bluntness: his manager says he spends three hundred days a year away from home.

As for his aggression, all his friends describe him, with caution, as "blunt-spoken" at best, not a man to trifle with; so I had once found, when I attempted to interview him at Olympia as he was on his way to chat to a group of Down's syndrome children in the next box. However, that particular piece of bluntness cast a useful light on a little-known facet of his character: it is a little-known fact that of all the stars of showjumping, the alarming Harvey Smith is the softest touch for any charitable stunt or kindly visit.

Liz Dudden, former press officer for the British Show Jumping Association, feels that this aspect of his character is unknown for one good reason. "After all, he's a complete mouth, sounds off about everything, blows his own trumpet; you'd expect that if he did something, everyone would be told. But in fact, you'd never, never know he did so much charity work.

"Whenever anyone asked us in the office if one of the riders could do a stint answering telephones for Children in Need, or visit a home, or chat up some kid with multiple sclerosis who's got a birthday, Harvey would be the one I could always ask and he'd never say no.

"At Olympia, we often have boxes with kids in from Great Ormond Street, children with cancer who won't see another Christmas; some of the riders are too upset to go and see them, especially between jumping classes, and they make excuses; but Harvey will always go and sit down and sign cards and laugh and joke, spending all the time that he isn't actually in the ring. He is just absolutely wonderful. Heart of gold. Never judge a sausage by its skin."

Yet when he leaves the children, the golden-hearted Harvey will be on his way to terrorize a visiting television documentary crew ("He's trouble." said one director, briefly), deal toughly with younger riders — including his two sons — and make his criticisms known, loudly.

"He doesn't suffer fools gladly." said one past Olympia organizer, shuddering slightly. "And he would be awfully bored if he went too long without a fight. His mouth sort of runs away with him occasionally. And he likes to test people. If someone comes to interview him, he thinks well, let's test her. See what she'll do if I'm difficult."

But abrasiveness, in a way, is what has made Harvey Smith such a legend. It is 17 years since he made his famous V-sign during the British Jumping Derby, upsetting a judge and losing himself the £2,000 first prize for "disgusting behaviour" (he got it back in the end). Sixteen years ago he caused another furore by saying that Princess Anne wasn't good enough for the Munich Olympics: the tabloid press got very cross, but as it happened, Harvey was right and the Princess agreed; she didn't go to Munich, but reached her peak four years later for Montreal. That was an entirely typical incident: he was rude, but he was right.

In the bleak dressing-room at Tunbridge Wells, on the road with his new wife, Harvey Smith presented the familiar granite frontage, but fairly soon gave up his monosyllabic journalist-testing process in favour of eloquence. After all, I wasn't there to discuss his much publicized divorce, or rake over his relations with his sons (in the case of the brilliant Robert Smith, a relationship that has often enough looked like straight rivalry). I only wanted to talk horses with him.

> *'I'm not lucky. I just persevere longer than other people'*

Oblivious to the fact that he was due on stage in half an hour, he ran cold water into the washbasin to cool his bottle of wine, wrenched out the cork and located a couple of glasses. On the subject of horses, he serves up neither curt monosyllables nor unconsidered rhetoric: he concentrates and explains, passionately.

Harvey Smith understands horses, *really* understands them, in a way rare even amongst horsemen. His animals, for instance, are not kept in stables; they roam loose in big yards: he was the first showjumping rider to do such an eccentric thing.

"Stable's a silly place for a horse, it is. People put showjumpers in stables because they're so expensive they get nervous of owt happening to them. In a yard, they come out fitter and live better. They don't get coughs or any of that respiratory stuff. The only drawback is that they pull off each others' rugs all the time."

The horses, he thinks, should be larking and shoving and establishing their herd hierarchy; he finds them more responsive that way. "Look at it. If you keep a horse in a stable, the first three-quarters of an hour he's out he'll be thinking, whoopee, I'm free! and messing about. He blows off steam. Wastes your time. In the yard, they can play and box together as much as they want, but when you bring them out and get a saddle on, they say 'Well boss, what do you want me to do?' "

There is a legend that instead of planning his horses' careers and his own with the usual finicky showjumper's care, Harvey goes to the gate and whistles; the first one that comes up is entered for the next event. Not quite true; but as he says: "You can look at a horse and tell when he's ready. I won't ride one that isn't."

He has an affinity with other animals, too: he used to have a pet lioness, called Tanya, that lay around in his riding school, sleeping under the jumps. "Nice little thing, it were. Died of cat-flu in the end."

His sponsorship — formerly by Sanyo, now by Brook Street — gives him a comfortable, professional base to work from: but the combative (he would call them tykey) instincts of his younger days die hard. He began from nothing: doing a milk round on a borrowed pony called Simon and jumping it in the afternoon. He bought his first horse, Farmer's Boy, for £33 and schooled it until he became, on this hitherto untaught horse, the top showjumper of 1959 at the age of 21.

He supported himself by working on a building site, and his wife kept a chicken farm. Since then, his doggedness and stern Yorkshire economy have won him a formidable reputation for being a man who won't spend money on showy, ready-made horses, but will bring on animals that nobody else would bother with.

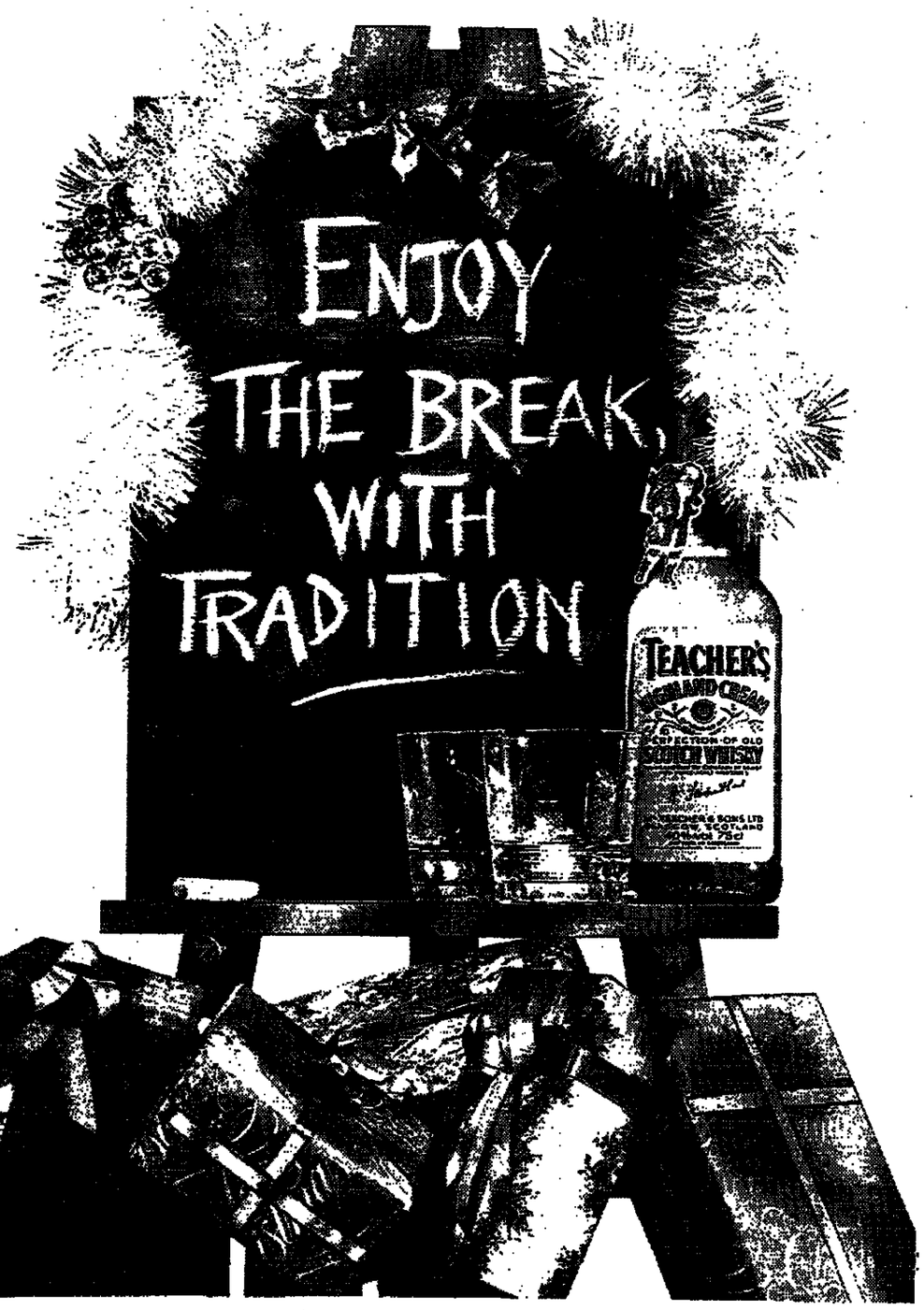
"I wouldn't say I'm lucky. I just persevere longer than other people. I'll sit back and think about a hoss, how to improve him. If I make one per cent improvement in a day, that's 100 per cent improvement in 100 days." He is surprisingly generous towards riders from lusher backgrounds, who have had money and training that he never had: "If they don't put the work in, they won't get there, so who's to envy them? I'd not expect anyone else to follow the road I took."

Horsemen and women have different words of praise. Some call their horses "sweet", some call them "brilliant", others "brave" or "real characters". Harvey Smith has one favourite word of commendation: he likes a "generous" horse.

"I'll tell you what the great moment of showjumping is. It's when you're winning a good class, and the hoss under you is giving his all, generously, and you can't ask more of him. But I've often thought as much of a hoss that comes second or third or fourth, if he's just giving you, generously, what he's got to give."

For a moment, under the hard neon light of the dressing room, he was neither dour nor tykey nor opinionated, just quiet and almost humble, thinking of the horses who gave him that: Farmer's Boy, Mattie Brown, O'Malley, Seahawk, Harvester. "Generous, honest horses." Then he finished his drink, said a gruff goodbye, and walked out alone onto the dim stage.

Libby Purves is co-author of The English and their Horses *(Methuen. £16.95).*




A reputation for bringing on animals that nobody else would bother with: "You can look at a horse and tell when he's ready"

FOOTBALL: NORWICH AIM TO RESOLVE A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE AGAINST FELLOW EARLY-SEASON PACE-SETTERS

Graham sticks to his word as Arsenal omit Davis again

By Clive White

If Paul Davis thought his nightmare was over when his record nine-match suspension came to an end a fortnight ago, he was mistaken. The folly of the punch he threw at Glenn Cockerill, of Southampton, continued to haunt him yesterday when he was left out of the Arsenal team who are poised at Carrow Road today to displace Norwich City as League leaders.

The suspension, to all intents, has been much more severe as the England international is omitted from the starting line-up for the twelfth consecutive match. After last week's home draw with Liverpool, which prevented Arsenal then from overtaking Norwich, it was generally thought that George Graham, the Arsenal manager, would recall Davis. Instead he is not even named as substitute.

Graham said that Davis would have to battle to win his place back from Richardson and has been true to his word. However, as Trevor Francis, commentating on last week's televised game, observed: "Arsenal lack imagination without Davis."

While Norwich, who have led the championship for a record nine weeks, and Arsenal have maintained their positions at the top, their form has slipped, neither side winning in their last three games.

Norwich, who have not won at home since October 22, are likely to recall the impressive Rosario to their forward line *in place of Allen, and Crook to* midfield.

But if Graham and David Stringer, his opposite number, are beginning to feel the strain it is nothing compared to the pressure under which Jim Smith, the Newcastle United manager, is having to work. Smith stands to be one of the first casualties should a takeover at St James' Park by John Hall succeed.

"It's life or death for us," he conceded yesterday. In an effort to spark a dramatic revival of the bottom club's fortunes he has changed Newcastle's formation from 4-4-2 to 4-3-3, leaving Mirandinha room to do his own thing in the middle. But the prospects are not good; Newcastle have not even scored in seven games. Brock, Smith's new signing, makes his debut.

Terry Venables, another manager who knows a thing or two about pressure, is ready to throw Ali Amar, aged 20, a Moroccan signed from Barcelona, into the cauldron of a local derby against Millwall. He has named him as substitute but says that "he will be involved if the situation is right".

Venables was complimentary of his neighbours even if they do not play the kind of football to which he subscribes. "They've done terrifically well and they can play football," he said. "People say that players like Briley and Hurlock are robust, but they can also play and you have to hold your hands up to the way they have handled the first division."

Peter Shreeves, promoted from coach to acting manager of Queen's Park Rangers in the wake of Smith's departure, insisted that the spirit at the club was still strong. "If anyone has doubts about our fighting qualities after this week then I suggest they watch us at Charlton and they will see a different story." McDonald, who is unsettled at the club, comes back from *suspension to bolster* Shreeves's claim.

Charlton, who also have Shirtliff, their central defender, restored after suspension, are equally adamant that their *can transform their fortunes* following their victory in the Soccer Six this week.



Davis: left for twelfth consecutive match by Arsenal

Briley has trodden a rocky path to the top

By Clive White

In an FA Cup tie somewhere today a favourite will probably fall victim for reasons that have nothing to do with skill — overcome by the devilish spirit of the underdog. How many times managers must have wished that they could instil that quality into players at the highest level. Fortunately for Millwall, in Les Briley, it is inbred.

When the Millwall captain leads out his team against Tottenham Hotspur today he will, as usual, feel both pride and bitterness. Briley is a player whom Sir Alf Ramsey might *have described as being 10 years after* his time.

It took Briley 13 years and 428 league games to get back to where he started — the first division. But until this season he had never played there. As an 18-year-old at Chelsea he found it hard enough to get a game in the Football Combination, never mind the Football League.

It was John Sillett, manager of Hereford United, who recognized his leadership qualities and made him captain of the fourth division club at the age of 20. Eventually he got a taste of life in all four divisions moving on to Wimbledon and later Aldershot until George Graham brought him to Millwall five years ago.

"I always thought I should have been back in the first division but sometimes you don't get the breaks you deserve," Briley said. "I had more or less given up hope but when the manager went on a spending spree before the start of last season I suddenly thought, 'hang on, we've got a great chance of promotion'."

He says: "Nothing in football frightens me." But he and his sidekick, Terry Hurlock, whose career was allowed to idle similarly at Brentford, have frightened several opposing midfields this season.

Millwall's attacking outlook, *which is slowly receiving due* recognition, places great demands upon Briley and Hurlock. "We like to get the wingers on the end of things, but it does mean an awful lot of work for Terry and I," he said. Their *style has been likened to* Wimbledon but Briley feels that Millwall play more football in the final third of the field and are more accurate with their service to the front men.

He says that Frank McLintock, their coach, "has helped Terry and myself enormously with the quality of our passing. That's vital these days because there's so little time. You may have to win the ball at *100 mph but you don't have to* play it at 100 mph. That's the art of midfield; slowing things down."

While he appreciates that the second half of the season is going to present Millwall with their greatest test, he is convinced that the best of Millwall has yet to be seen. "I never thought it was beyond us to beat the Evertons of this world. We're capable of beating anybody. *It just goes to show that if* you can raise your standards there is no reason why you cannot keep them," he said.

As Terry Venables, the Tottenham manager, searches the length and breadth of the Continent for new players, Briley advises him to cast his net a little closer to his own shores.

TENNIS

Skilled craftsmen cutting a dash in defence of doubles

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The first teams to qualify for the semi-finals of the Nabisco Masters doubles tournament at the Albert Hall were John Fitzgerald and Anders Jarryd and their first victims in the all-play-all series, Rick Leach and Jim Pugh, who won the Australian championship in Melbourne last January.

Peter Fleming used to say that the best doubles team in the world was John McEnroe and anybody, which was another way of saying that McEnroe was the game's outstanding doubles player. Fitzgerald and Jarryd are not in that class but, like McEnroe, could form a formidable partnership with any competent doubles player.

Fitzgerald has won grand slam titles with John Alexander and (twice) Tomas Smid. Jarryd has, slightly, been even more successful, winning grand slam championships with Stefan Edberg (twice), Hans Simonsson, and Robert Seguso.

This year, Fitzgerald and Jarryd became a team for the first time, but only on the big occasions. They were beaten by Leach and Pugh in a quarter-final of the Australian championship, were runners-up for the French and Wimbledon titles, did not play in the United States event, but in March, at Key Biscayne, won the only other tournament of comparable status.

It is a pity that for many reasons, not least a crowded fixture list that permits the leading men little rest between tournaments, the celebrities of the singles game tend to reduce the workload by leaving doubles to the chorus line — though Fitzgerald and Jarryd cannot be treated lightly in singles.

Jorge Lozano and Todd Witsken may have devised a solution, of sorts, that could appeal to others. They want to excel at both forms of the game and they appreciate that, in addition to the shared pleasures of tactical finesse, doubles is good for their singles because it improves their forecourt play.

Their plan for 1989, which will be their second year as a regular team, is to so organize their schedule that they play singles at some tournaments, doubles at others, and both on the big occasions. That way, they reason, the pursuit of excellence should not be intolerably demanding.

The great Australians often used to say that the complete player had to produce the goods in both singles and doubles. That assertion does not carry much weight in the professional game as we know it today. But it is always a joy, in Sydney or Melbourne as examples, to see the crowds who flock to doubles to savour the educated comments they make on this specialized craft.

One hopes that, in the brave if hazardous new world of 1990, when the Association of Tennis Professionals will run its own tour, the Australian respect for — and enjoyment of — doubles will be reflected in the fixture-making.

The Albert Hall event is much too enjoyable to be allowed to languish. Its promoters, World Championship Tennis, shaped the course of professional tennis in the open era. They were wise to give doubles a week to itself.

RESULTS: Blue Group: J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt M Davis (US) and B Drewett (Aus), 6-4, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3. R Leach and J Pugh (US) bt Davis and Drewett, 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1. Red Group: S Casal and E Sanchez (Sp) bt J Kriek (US) and K Evernden (NZ) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-3

Britain ease back into victory mode

Melbourne — A further win in the consolation event of the MEC Federation Cup has eased the memory of Britain's start to the week (Barry Wood writes).

Such was the ease of their 3-0 victory over Chinese Taipei that the doubles were played to the accompaniment of much laughter on court. They now face Belgium.

Sara Gomer's 6-4, 6-2 win over Shi-Ting Wang was uneventful, and the 6-1, 6-1 doubles win was a picnic. Only Clare Wood had a problem, but she eventually defeated Su-Ling Lai, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: Canada bt Sweden, 3-0; Czechoslovakia bt Denmark, 3-0. Consolation event: Quarter-finals: Great Britain bt Chinese Taipei, 3-0 (C Wood bt Lai Su-ling, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; S Gomer bt Wang Shi-ting, 6-4, 6-2; Gomer and J Salmon bt Wang and Lai, 6-1, 6-1); Netherlands bt Yugoslavia, 3-0; Belgium bt South Korea, 2-1; Brazil bt Israel, 3-0.

The LTA still cannot find a leading light

***With millions of pounds in the* bank but not a single player in the world's top 80, British tennis has no magic formula to convert money into talent. Ron Presley, the president of the Lawn Tennis Association, conceded yesterday.**

He told the LTA's annual meeting that British success will only follow a period of structural development and expansion and the sort of national registration system that other countries use.

"We have *failed* to provide a world-class player or Wimbledon champion," Presley said.

The LTA has assets of more than £9 million, having taken a record £7.67 million profit from this year's Wimbledon championships.

But Britain does not have a player in the men's top 100 and of the women only Sara Gomer is just inside the top 50.

Robertson hoping for fairy-tale return

By a Special Correspondent

A week of heady activity both on and off the field for Hearts could have found no more suitable climax than that which will unfold at Tynecastle this afternoon. The arrival of Rangers and their hordes would have sufficed in itself, quite apart from John Robertson's £750,000 reappearance. A torrid 90 minutes are in store.

That the hand of destiny should appoint this moment, of all matches, as the occasion for Robertson to reinforce his worth is ironic to the point of being suspicious. Scoring goals against the Ibrox side was a particular flavour of his in years gone by. Should he put the boot in again, after a forlorn eight months in England, it would complete what has been a fairy-tale return.

Quite apart from their newly acquired firepower, Hearts at long last looked to be emerging from their slough of despond. Not for nothing did Wallace Mercer, their ebullient chairman, nearly bring the roof down whilst celebrating his club's midweek success in Europe in the comfort of a Glasgow television studio.

It had, until that point, been a trying time for Hearts.

"After recent events, none of us can wait for the Rangers match to begin," said Alex MacDonald yesterday.

Rangers continue to have their injury problems, with Chris Woods and Ally McCoist still ruled out. Even Graeme Souness who harbours hopes of playing yet, looked dejected about it all. "Who knows when they'll all clear up," he said yesterday.

Hearts' success in grabbing the headlines has somewhat obscured the importance of another big occasion at Parkhead. An increasingly rejuvenated Celtic take on Aberdeen, whose flagging championship aims could do with a lift.

PSV to prove their strength

From Gerry Harrison, Tokyo

PSV Eindhoven will complete an outstanding year for Dutch football and further enhance their standing in Europe if they win the world club title, the Toyota Cup, tomorrow.

They are the favourites on form to beat Nacional, of Montevideo, the Libertadores champions. But in the eight previous inter-continental encounters in Japan, only FC Porto and Juventus have taken the trophy and the $40,000 prize back to Europe.

PSV's successes in Europe rank them well behind teams such as Real Madrid, Barcelona, and, more important, their national rivals, Ajax and Feyenoord.

But since Philips, the electronics company, decided to throw more weight behind the club it owns, the balance of power has changed. Three consecutive Dutch league titles, *the double* last year and the European Cup prove the point.

This is a very strong squad reinforced with Danish and Belgian internationals, with the latest recruit, for $2.8 million (£1.5 million), Romario, Brazil's leading scorer at the Olympic Games. The Czech international, Josef Chovanek, joins the club in January.

Nacional can boast no such financial strength. As usual, money is short and jobs will be at risk if they return with the wrong result.

The presence of Nacional here is another chapter in the remarkable success story of football in Uruguay.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

First division

Charlton v QPR
Crooks and Shirtliff return for Charlton but MacKenzie faces a late fitness test. McDonald and *Barker have put suspension and* injury behind them and are back in the QPR squad.

Coventry v Manchester Utd
Bannister and Smith return for Coventry but Rodger and McGrath have taken their places in the *treatment room.* United will choose between Milne and Sharpe on the left side of attack

Derby v Luton
Goddard is still a doubt for Derby. Harford has recovered from an ankle injury and returns to lead the Luton attack.

Middlesbrough v A Villa
Middlesbrough are expected to be unchanged but Villa must choose between Evans and Mountfield at centre half.

Norwich v Arsenal
Rosario is expected to displace Allen in the Norwich attack. Arsenal look likely to be unchanged and have no room for Davis.

Newcastle v Wimbledon
Brock, a £300,000 midweek signing from QPR, goes straight into the Newcastle side at Payne's expense. Cork (shin) and Turner (suspended) are missing from Wimbledon's 15-man squad which includes Fashanu.

Southampton v Nottm F
Burridge (thigh strain) is doubtful so Flowers stands by to deputize in the Southampton goal. Hodge (influenza) and Walker are missing for Forest, who give Laws, a summer signing from Middlesbrough, his debut at right back.

Tottenham v Millwall
Mohammed Amar (nickname Nayim), a Moroccan midfield player, is likely to be named as a substitute and could make his debut for Tottenham. Samways is ruled out. Millwall are likely to be unchanged.

West Ham v Sheff Wed
With Dicks suspended Parris and McQueen compete for the vacant left back berth for West Ham. Wednesday welcome Varadi back to their squad.

Second division

Blackburn v Ipswich
Blackburn are unchanged. D'Avray has shrugged off a hamstring injury and returns to lead the Ipswich attack.

Chelsea v Portsmouth
Durie has recovered from a knee injury and is recalled to the Chelsea attack but Burnstead, who has got over a similar problem, must settle for a seat on the substitute's bench. Dillon replaces Horne (cartilage operation) in the Portsmouth midfield.

Watford v Oxford
Watford are expected to be unchanged. Despite a fractured cheekbone Smart will play at full back for Oxford.

Tomorrow

Liverpool v Everton
Molby, released from prison 10 days ago, could be included in the Liverpool squad. Rush is expected to return following a hip *injury. Clarke comes into the* Everton attack in place of Sharp who had a groin operation yesterday.

Linfield miss key men

Both Linfield and Glentoran, pace-setters in the Irish League, will be missing key players this afternoon because of influenza (George Ace writes).

Definitely out of the Linfield team, away to Larne, is Martin McGaughey, the leading goal-scorer, who turned up for training on Thursday night but was sent home by Roy Coyle, the manager. Tommy Jackson, Coyle's counterpart at Glentoran, followed suit with Alan Harrison and Gary McCartney.

"Barney Bowers and Tommy and Kerry Moore join the panel but it will, as ever, be a late team selection," Jackson said.

Glentoran have a home game against Ballymena United.

CYCLO-CROSS

Young is a non-starter

Chris Young, the top finisher for Britain in this week's Nations Cup event at Birmingham, and now third overall in the series, cannot defend his North of England title tomorrow (Peter Bryan writes).

Young failed to get his entry in before the closing date. "I don't mind missing a race so much but not tomorrow's at Saltburn," he said.

Barrie Clarke, the London open champion, competes in the south of England title race at Shirley Hills, Surrey, where Dave Brooker will be defending.

Moves to avoid a split in the sport will be discussed at today's annual meeting of the British Cycling Federation, in Blackpool.

BOXING

Benn must hook sardine before catching whale

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Nigel Benn will be hoping to wipe out the memory of a near-disastrous October night against Anthony Logan, of Jamaica, *when he defends his* Commonwealth middleweight title against David Noel, of Trinidad and Tobago, at Crystal Palace tonight.

While the public might be satisfied with a spectacular finish *from the unbeaten* West Ham boxer, it will need boxing of high quality from Benn to convince his critics and future opponents that his last outing was an aberration. Benn promises something different this time. "You will see a new Benn against Noel," Benn said. "This time I will take my time."

Since the "banger" from West Ham is not exactly overburdened with boxing ability to entrance the public, one wonders *how long he will be able to* stay behind the "jab" — hook? — before reverting to his slam-bang-walloping ways.

Much will depend on Noel's tactics. He is more experienced than Benn with 35 contests against the champion's 19. Noel has never been stopped and holds the Continental Americas title, known disparagingly as a Sardine Belt in the United States.

Noel's trainer, Bertram Legall, said that his man intends to stay inside Benn's swings and close to the champion. "Benn needs room for leverage," Legall said. "David will be too experienced for him." But the veteran trainer admitted that Noel was really a light-middleweight and he was not certain whether Noel would be able to stand up to the assault of a full middleweight.

Logan, who has lost on points to Noel, believes that the further the bout goes the better Noel's chances will be.

Though the challenger is clever at messing opponents about, he is a brawler and could find himself playing into Benn's hands by trying to punch it out once his spoiling stops working. *This will probably happen* in about the third or fourth round.

Benn, who manages himself, plans to take two years to prepare for his world title challenge. "I want to move around Europe," he says. "I want *to win the European* title in 1989 and in 1990 the big one." Let us see how he catches the Sardine before talking about landing the big fish.

● Logan plans to take matters into his own hands after being *denied a rematch by Benn* (Jonathan Rendall writes). Despite public interest in a return — Logan floored Benn in the first round before being stopped in the second — Benn is set against it. Logan is to make a public appeal from the ring after boxing Gilbert Josumo on tonight's bill.

SKIING

Cow-bells ring for Muller

From Iain Macleod, Val Gardena

The old man of the mountains came good again here yesterday in the style befitting the splendour of the surroundings. Peter Muller, of Switzerland, won the opening men's downhill after a dramatic race which was in the best conditions of the great Saslonch course in the shadow of the Dolomites.

Muller, who in the past always seemed to peak after Christmas, did so ominously early this year as Swiss cow-bells hailed a victory which at one stage seemed improbable. Muller's first intermediate time had placed him only fourteenth.

Meanwhile, Rob Boyd, of Canada, victor here for the past two years, looked to the clock to see if a unique treble beckoned. He had just taken the lead from Muller's great rival, Pirmin Zurbriggen.

The significance of his second and third intermediate times *were reflected by the anxiety in* Boyd's face: unless Muller fell, there would be no treble. Muller was not about to fail. He not only eclipsed Boyd's time of 2 minutes 00.79 seconds but did so by almost half a second. Muller had shaken off the effects of a bad cold to win his nineteenth World Cup downhill.

He still exudes a boyish enthusiasm whenever he wins and yesterday was no exception.

However, as the sun faded behind the mountain even Muller was not averse to a bout of nerves. The late starters were beginning to come through to finish in respectable positions, none more so than Armin Assinger, of Austria.

When he recorded the second-fastest intermediate time, Muller, Boyd and Zurbriggen feared that another change was on the way. To Muller's relief, his position stayed intact but Assinger, arms gesturing wildly at the finish, had gained a magnificent second place.

Graham Bell, of Britain, gave one of his better showings. He came from No. 49 to finish twentieth, with his brother Martin again slightly disappointing, six places further back.

DOWNHILL: 1, P Muller (Switz), 2min 00.51sec; 2, A Assinger (Austria), 2:00.69; 3, R Boyd (Can), 2:00.79; 4, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 2:00.89; 5, P Ortlieb (Austria), 2:01.21; 6, H-J Tauscher (WG), 2:01.38; 7, M Wasmeier (WG), 2:01.42; 8, E Resch (Austria), 2:01.48; 9, P Wirnsberger (Austria), 2:01.50; 10, F Heinzer (Switz), 2:01.81; 11, L Stock (Austria), 2:01.85; 12, H Hoefelehner (Austria), 2:01.74; 13, M Mair (It), 2:01.77; 14, G Plattentaicher (Austria), 2:01.78; 15, B Stemmle (Can), 2:01.83. Britain: 20, G Bell; 26, M Bell.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS (after four races): 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 62pts; 2, M Girardelli (Lux), 35; 3, P Muller (Switz), 25; equal 4, M Wasmeier (WG) and H Enn (Austria), 21; equal 6, R Nierlich (Austria), F Piccard (Fr), L Stock (Austria), J Nilsson (Swe), A Assinger (Austria), 20; 11, H Strolz (Austria), 19; equal 12, R Boyd (Can), P Accola (Switz), 15; equal 14, A Tomba (It), A Bittner (WG), H Hoefelehner (Austria), H Mayer (Austria), 12; equal 18, B Gstrein (Austria), T Okabe (Japan), P Ortlieb (Austria), A Barcella (It), 11.

Girardelli walks out

Val Gardena — In an astonishing development on the eve of yesterday's men's downhill, Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, stormed out of the hotel having stated that he would not participate in the two races to be held here this weekend (Iain Macleod writes).

***Amid allegations of chicanery,* the Austrian-born skier, who constitutes the Grand Duchy's one-man team, left with his father, Helmut (also his coach), to train instead for tomorrow's slalom at Madonna di Campiglio.**

In a statement issued yesterday by the Luxembourg team, of which Girardelli sur is effectively in charge, concern was expressed over three issues.

First, the refusal of the jury to alter the interval time between the seeded skiers to 60 seconds: next, the allegation that the drum had not been spun for the draw and his unfavourable No. 1 had been manipulated. And, when the delegate of the International Ski Federation, Sepp Sulzberger, of Austria, announced that pine needles would be laid on the course, thereby offering a disadvantage to the first seven or eight racers, the Girardellis could take no more.

HOCKEY

Barber fit for Slough before winter break

By Sydney Friskin

A busy weekend programme of Poundstretcher National League matches and Nationwide Anglia Cup ties will temporarily bring to a halt a hectic spell of activity which began on October 15. The game goes indoors for the next few weeks and outdoor competition will not be resumed in earnest until the first week of February.

Paul Barber, who returned to competition after a short rest last Saturday, is available for Slough on both days, against Stourport away today in the League and Cambridge City at Uxbridge tomorrow. Although Slough beat Cambridge City 2-0 in the League they are likely to face stronger Cup opposition from the visitors, for whom the Cambridge University captain, Castenskiold, might prove a useful reinforcement.

Considerable interest surrounds today's League match between Old Loughtonians and Hounslow at Chigwell, where Old Loughtonians will try to settle an old score. In last season's Cup match at Feltham, Hounslow beat them 5-0 in the fourth round but Old Loughtonians, the only unbeaten side in the League, expect to put up a better fight today.

Hounslow are at full strength today but for tomorrow's Cup match against Wakefield at Feltham they will be without Pappin in goal and Hazlitt at full back, as both are not available. Wakefield have so far not had a successful season but are improving with every outing and their resistance is not easy to break down.

Southgate are out of the cup but having moved into third position their sights are on the League title. They will make the trip to Cambridge City today without Clift and Batchelor, who are not available.

Havant, five points clear at the top of the table, have been forced to make one change for today's away match against Teddington at Ditton Fields and tomorrow's Cup match at home against Richmond. Coleman has an ankle injury and his place on the right wing is taken by Owen.

Teddington will miss D'Mello, who has a bad knee, but they are likely to try Laslett, despite his own knee trouble, in their frontline for both matches. Apart from the testing time they are likely to have at Havant, their task in tomorrow's Cup match against Indian Gymkhana, who are at full strength at Feltham, looks even more forbidding.

In the second division of the League, Reading, two points clear of Bournville at the top, are expecting to pick up three points at Bradfield College from Peterborough, thirteenth in the table.

SPORT IN BRIEF

S Africa ban

Vienna (AP) — Athletes who compete in South Africa could be barred from the Olympics under a measure adopted by the International Olympic Committee's executive board here yesterday. If adopted by the two dozen federations that govern Olympic sports, the move would apply only to events after the adoption, and not retrospectively.

Player dies

Levon Yates, a youth-team footballer with Aston Villa, has died after a three-week illness believed to be blood-poisoning. He was 17.

Rough justice

Fiona MacDonald, the only woman in the field, has been drawn with Lord Robbie Lowry, *the Lord Chief Justice of North*ern Ireland, in the first round of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society President's Putter at Rye next month.

One ahead

Wellington, Florida (Reuter) — Bobby Clampett and Bill Glasson combined for a 12-under-par 60 to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Team Championship tournament on Thursday.

Rolling pins

Guadalajara, Mexico (Reuter) — Chung-Hee Yoo, of South Korea, retained his lead through *the third round of the ten-pin* bowling World Cup on Thursday.

ROWING

The Bad are too good for The Ugly

London University held their trials yesterday over the championship course from Putney to Mortlake with their eyes fixed on Henley Royal Regatta's 150th anniversary (Jim Railton writes). Hopefully by then they will be under the guidance of the top Australian coach, Marty Aiken, subject to his obtaining a work permit.

London University boated three talented eights yesterday, named The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. The freshmen eight — *The Good* — were set off half a minute ahead, leaving The Bad and The Ugly to thrash it out.

London University's success at Henley Royal Regatta and international championships has been considerable. This year *they won the* Britannia at the Royal Regatta and two London University oarsmen were in the British eight which won the Grand.

But at the trials yesterday they nearly met with disaster when Bad and Ugly collided in the first minute and the Olympic oarsman, Anton Obholzer, broke a rigger stay. Half an hour later the crews restarted.

Bad, on Middlesex, dominated immediately and took two lengths in the first three minutes. They caught their freshers at Hammersmith Pier and went on to win against the Ugly by six lengths.

RESULTS: The Bad bt The Ugly by 22sec. THE BAD: R Redpath (Durham UCL, bow), *A Lighten (Kings, Chester and St Thomas' Hospital), A Hooker (Sir William Bortes's and Kings), *M Peel (Upton High, Chester UCL), *J Walker (Kings, Chester and Imperial), *A Obholzer (Emanuel and RHBINC), *M Norton (Kings, Canterbury and LSE), *J Hollis (Hampton and UCL, stroke), Z Cumberland (Bedford High and UCL, cox).
THE UGLY: *D Martinelli (Hampton and Kings, bow), *G Bennett (Robinson, Cambridge and LSE), *A Ciecierski (Latymer Upper and CXWMS), *J Waller (Christleon High, Chester and Imperial), *M Herd (Abingdon and LSE), *N Rokosh (University of British Columbia, Canada and LBS), *R Williams (Anthony Gell and RHBINC), *M Rowand (Radley and Goldsmiths, stroke), H McLeod (Graves End GS and UCL, cox).
* denotes a Purple.

FOR THE RECORD

TENPIN BOWLING

GUADALAJARA: World Cup: Men's positions (after 24 games): 1, C-Hee Yoo (S Kor), 5,167 pins; 2, P Gronmark (Fin), 5,134; 3, M Lewis (US) 4,985. Women's positions (after eight games): 1, L Kelly (US), 1,698; 2, D Boelen (Neth), 1,690; 3, G Bigai (Ven), 1,687.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 4, Boston Bruins 2; Hartford Whalers 5, New York Rangers 4; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 3; Montreal Canadiens 5, St Louis Blues 1; Calgary Flames 5, Edmonton Oilers 3; Winnipeg Jets 5, Los Angeles Kings 5.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 113, Milwaukee Bucks 109; Cleveland Cavaliers 104, San Antonio Spurs 95; Los Angeles Clippers 120, Houston Rockets 116.
MEN'S CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Aris Salonika (Gr) 116, Nashua Den Bosch (Neth) 83.
WOMEN'S CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Wyncote Sisely Prague 84, Pratigi Vicenza (It) 72.

GOLF

TOKYO: Okiemo Tournament: Leading second round scores (Japanese unless stated): 131: K Suzuki, 64, 67. 137: T Nakamura, 68, 69; M Aoki, 65, 72. 138: T Nakamura, 69, 69; Y Hagawa, 68, 69; G Marsh (Aus), 70, 68; S Fujiki, 68, 72; K Arai, 68, 70; C Strange (US), 71, 67; G Norman (Aus), 69, 69. Other scores 139: D Ishii (US), 63, 76; I Baker-Finch (Aus), 69, 70. 144: B Jones (Aus), 70, 74. 148: H Minnan (Taiwan), 71, 77; M O'Meara (US), 67, 81
PALM BEACH: Texas Championship Tournament: First round leaders (all US): 66: R Clampett and W Grisson. 61: C Burroughs and L T Brooks. B Fezon and D Hagler. D Gardner and R Malmbie. M Hayes and M Sullivan; M Hulbert and R Tway. 63: D Arnette and J Mudd; T Garner and D Waldorf; G Hallberg and S Hoch; G Burns and W Levi; J Carter and R Medlate; R Ford and L Pinker; G Gilbert and J C Snead; J Haller and B Tennyson. 64: C Epps and B McCallister; C Rose and T Simpson; J Gallagher and M Plait; B Antonopoulous and E Sabo; P Azinger and A Bean; M Bender and R Blancalana; M Brooks and D Higgins.

RUGBY UNION

CHALLENGE MATCH: Ayr 54, Marr 3.
SCHOOLS MATCH: King's, Taunton 5, Stonyhurst 21.

FOOTBALL

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: Fourth round: West Sussex 1, Stroud 2.
ENGLISH MITRE UNDER-19 TROPHY: Suffolk 1, Norfolk 2.
ENGLISH BHS TROPHY: Greater Manchester 4, Lancashire 2.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Newport Free GS 4, Bell College 0.
ASIAN NATIONS CUP: Group A: South Korea 3, Qatar 2. Group B: Bahrain 1, Saudi Arabia 1.
KUALA LUMPUR: Merdeka Tournament: Singapore 3, Oman 1.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Essex 105, Eastern Counties 110; Northants 91, Bedfordshire 126.

TENNIS

FOUR NATIONS TOURNAMENT: Ireland: Men: England bt Wales 5-1; Ireland bt Scotland 5-1. Glasgow: Women: England bt Ireland 6-0; Scotland bt Wales 6-1. Swansea: Boys: Scotland bt Wales 5-1; England bt Ireland 5-1. Heston: Girls: England bt Ireland 6-0; Scotland bt Wales 4-2

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John Goodbody and Colin McQuillan discover mounting medical concern over viral complaints that affect sportsmen

Immune system at risk from intensive training

Dedicated sportsmen and women can damage their immune systems which fight diseases because of the intensive training they undergo.

There is mounting medical concern that top-class competitors, including athletes, squash players and judo fighters, should be regularly examined for evidence of excessive training, and then advised to alter their life-styles if they begin to suffer from viral complaints.

In 1983, Sebastian Coe, winner of the 1980 Olympic 1500 metres, began suffering from toxoplasmosis, a rare infection but common in individuals with supressed immune systems.

Coe's health and training was monitored on his return to the track, and he vindicated his own ability and the medical expertise by retaining his Olympic title in 1984.

But the issue came to a head last month with Del Harris, the 1988 world junior squash champion, who was suffering from a virus he believes he picked up in Singapore in September. Harris had undergone severe training all summer, and seemed ready to challenge the top five players in the world until he became ill. Last month, he was involved in a heavy training session when he found one side of his tongue going numb and one side of his face going into paralysis.

Doctors warned Harris against extreme physical exercise during and after the infection, and he withdrew from the national championships, and also postponed a lucrative ten-match challenge series against Jahangir Khan, the world champion. It is dangerous for any competitor in a strenuous sport to exercise when suffering from a viral complaint.

Dr Craig Sharp, the chief physiologist of the Olympic Medical Centre at Northwick Park, says: "There have been many examples in sport of competitors dying after intensive activity when they had been suffering from viral complaints. This includes influenza, when there is muscle ache and not just a head cold."

Dr Ken Kingsbury, a medical advisor to the Sports Council, agrees, stating that a virus affects the functioning of the heart and, therefore, could lead to a serious condition. "You should listen to your body. If it needs sleep, rest and warmth, then you should give it what it wants."

What the Harris case has also brought into question is whether severe training weakens the body's ability to combat infection. In squash there have been several other disturbing cases. Lucy Soutter, the former world junior champion, is now resting with an infection which her homeopathic consultant believes could have arisen from her own system as it lost its defensive capability under the training, playing and travelling load.

Soutter found that she began losing energy early in tournaments and had worrying side-effects of heavy skin rashes and boils.Many of her symptoms had been described to her three years ago by Nicki Spurgeon, the former under-23 champion, who was suffering from a debilitating affliction called myalgic encephalomyelitis, otherwise known as "yuppie flu".

Dr Lynn Fitzgerald, an immunologist at St George's Medical School in London, and also a former world record holder in ultra-long distance running, says that intensive training is like the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). But, she re-assuringly adds, that when a competitor stops intensive training, the process is reversed, unlike AIDS.

In fact, she argues, moderate exercise actually seems to strengthen the immune system. Dr Fitzgerald also says that danger occurs only in a few cases where the body is regularly subjected to excessive physical demands.

She adds: "It is well known that psychological stress can affect the immune system. So that for some top-class competitors preparing for a major event, this may accentuate any deleterious affect of the actual training."

Dr Fitzgerald is planning, in conjunction with the British Olympic Medical Centre, to appeal for volunteers among top-class competitors to run a long-term research project on the subject. Certainly, says Dr Kingsbury, who has advised Zola Budd, David Bedford, David Moorcroft and Neil Adams, there is plenty of circumstantial evidence that hard muscular work and stress can weaken one's immune defence: one can become infected by things that are normally within the body but dormant. But it is not yet proven.

Dr Kingsbury is treating three international athletes who have developed what he terms an "on-going post-viral infection syndrome" in which symptoms include a lack of desire to train, disturbed sleep, mild depression and lack of concentration.

This is fashionably called "yuppie flu", but Dr Kingsbury says the condition has been recognised for years as a post-viral syndrome. Just as individuals, who have suffered from glandular fever, often take months and sometimes years to fully recover their health and strength, competitors in severe training retard their progress when they suffer from the complaint by trying to return to activity too soon. The harder they train, the more they set themselves back on the road to health and full fitness.

More research is needed, clearly. As the newly-published *Olympic Book of Sports Medicine* states: "Investigations into the changes of the immune system following athletic exercise are only just beginning. Nevertheless, they have great practical importance."

YACHTING

Admiral's Cup team loses its sponsor

By Barry Pickthall

The Royal Ocean Racing Club is searching for fresh sponsorship to support Britain's three-boat team contesting next year's Admiral's Cup. This follows the withdrawal of James Capel, the global investment house, which provided £60,000 towards coaching costs and the selection trials for the last series in 1987.

While the financial climate has been cited as one reason for the withdrawal, the City slump has not forced Capel to review its other commitments to cricket and horse-racing.

Commenting on the unexpected announcement from the RORC, Peter Quinnen, the chief executive of James Capel, said yesterday that the company, which jointly sponsored this year's Crewsearch scheme with *The Times*, was not withdrawing from sports sponsorship.

"We never had any commitment to sponsoring the team a second time and have turned down the proposal on commercial grounds. In particular, we were concerned by the shortlist of owners prepared to compete for a place in the team, and statements made by some skippers about the lack of support they received after the last series did not help their cause this time."

● Peter Blake today reveals his latest Whitbread Round the World Race contender, Steinlager II, when the 84ft yacht is hauled from its building shed in readiness for launching in Auckland next week.

The fractional ketch-rigged Bruce Farr design is the largest of the Whitbread contenders and carries 15 per cent more sail area than most of her maxi-sized rivals.

"We have delayed announcing these details until the eleventh hour because we have a unique design," the New Zealand skipper said.

Blake also confirmed yesterday that his boat has a similar length/displacement ratio to other Bruce Farr designs in the race. Performance figures are to remain a secret, with Blake and his 15-strong team racing against a computer rather than competing in races during their build-up for the big event.

Dickson pulls off course

From Bob Ross
Fremantle

Chris Dickson, of New Zealand, deliberately broke his winning run in the qualifying round robin of the Swan Premium bicentennial world match-racing championship by pulling off the course in his last race.

This presented Bill Lynn, of the United States, with a win that resulted in an unbreakable tie to qualify for third and fourth places in the semi-finals between Eddie Warden Owen, of Britain, Peter Gilmour, of Australia, and Lynn.

While some opponents, notably Gilmour, complained that Dickson did this deliberately to manipulate the placings and pairings of the semi-finals, Dickson had a valid explanation.

Problems started as Lynn luffed Dickson over the starting line before the starting signal and was incorrectly recalled by the race committee. Dickson then opened a four to five boat length advantage which Dickson built into a comfortable lead before he pulled off the course within 200 yards of the finish.

Dickson said had he finished, Lynn would have successfully protested the result and a meaningless race for him would have had to be resailed today before the semi-finals. Lynn confirmed that he would have protested against the result and the race committee admitted it had made an error.

That left Dickson and his compatriot, Rod Davis, with eight wins each but with Dickson was the top qualifier for the semi-finals because he beat Davis in their match.

Warden Owen, Gilmour and Lynn scored five wins each, which meant a coin toss for fourth place, the winner to go into the semi-finals for a best-of-three-race series against Dickson, and the remaining two to sail one race to decide third place.

Gilmour won the toss to meet Dickson. Warden Owen and Lynn will sail off today and the winner will meet Davis in the semi-finals.

STANDINGS: C Dickson (NZ), R Davis (NZ), 8 wins; E Warden Owen (GB), P Gilmour (Aus), W Lynn (US), 5; J Bertrand (US), S Pace (Fr), 4; S Lissiman (Aus), 3; P Isler (US), 2; T Law (GB), 1.

RUGBY UNION: WALES HOPE TO BRING A TOPSY-TURVY YEAR TO A WINNING END AGAINST ROMANIA

Wales rely on their backs to prevent any embarrassment

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Since they won the triple crown in Dublin on March 5, little has gone right for Wales. They missed the grand slam by one score, were completely exposed on tour in New Zealand, are wracked by internal dissention at home and, predictably, failed to get much credit for beating Western Samoa last month.

Even this last week has seen the trend continue — the disciplining of Ring and the restoration of Hall, whose treatment in the first place earned the selectors a degree of opprobrium. Defeat by Romania at Cardiff Arms Park today would just about put the cap on 1988, though it would be surprising to find that matters had got so far out of hand — the quality of the Welsh backs should have the beating of a side who have tended not to do themselves justice away from home.

Remember 1979 may be the motto for both coaches though. A late dropped goal enabled a much more talented Welsh XV than this one to scramble home 13-12 and the Romanians are still waiting for their first overseas win against one of the home unions. In the meantime they have hit both peaks and troughs — peaks, such as their victories over Wales (1983) and Scotland (1984); troughs like that 60-point hiding from Ireland two years ago in Dublin, a disappointing World Cup and the loss by 49-3 to France last year.

It was their display against France last month, however, that will have bolstered Romanian hopes: they lost only by 16-12, which may be as much a commentary on the way France are presently playing the game as anything else, but even so Romania's tackling must have been tolerably sound.

They have made only one change since that match, introducing Boldor onto the left wing for his fourth cap; two backs and four forwards survive from the XV which held England to 22-15 in 1985 at Twickenham while Murariu, the captain, goes back to that 1979 game in Cardiff.

They will be desperate to deny Wales possession so that the twinkle-toed Davies does not leave their defensive screen in tatters. That may be hard to do against the height of Wakeford and Moseley, though a Welsh side without Norster in the second row will look strange indeed.

This is Wakeford's chance to confirm a place for the five-nations' championship and the 6ft 6in policeman will be keen to profit from Watkins's accurate lineout throwing. On the other hand he is typical of the inexperience with which this Welsh team is riddled. Only five players remain from the side which won the triple crown and Bryant is named pack leader after only three caps.

It is in the backs, however, that Wales will hope to make hay. Hall and Devereux play together in midfield for the first time; both strong, powerful men but with a hint of subtlety to their play which should create space for Webbe and the new cap, Diplock — assuming, that is, that Webbe has recovered from the tendonitis which has limited his rugby of late.

● Ringland, the experienced Ballymena wing, has withdrawn from Ireland's national trial in Dublin next week.

TODAY'S TEAMS AT CARDIFF

Wales			Romania	
A Clement (Swansea)	15	Full Back	M Toader (Dinamo Bucharest)	15
G M C Webbe (Bridgend)	14	Right wing	N Racean (Timisoara University)	14
M R Hall (Cambridge University)	13	Right centre	N Fulina (Baia Mare IM)	13
J A Devereux (Bridgend)	12	Left centre	A Lungu (Dinamo Bucharest)	12
R Diplock (Bridgend)	11	Left wing	D Boldor (Steaua Bucharest)	11
J Davies* (Llanelli)	10	Stand off	G Ignat (Steaua Bucharest)	10
R N Jones (Swansea)	9	Scrum half	D Neaga (Dinamo Bucharest)	9
M Griffiths (Bridgend)	1	Prop	G Leonte (Steaua Bucharest)	1
I J Watkins (Ebbw Vale)	2	Hooker	G Ion (Dinamo Bucharest)	2
D Young (Cardiff)	3	Prop	G Dumitrescu (Steaua Bucharest)	3
R G Collins (Cardiff)	6	Flanker	F Murariu* (Steaua Bucharest)	6
J D M Wakeford (South Wales Police)	4	Lock	S Ciorascu (Steaua Bucharest)	4
K Moseley (Pontypool)	5	Lock	H Dumitras (Contoare Buzau)	5
D Bryant (Bridgend)	7	Flanker	A Radulescu (Steaua Bucharest)	7
P T Davies (Llanelli)	8	No 8	I Doja (Dinamo Bucharest)	8

*Captain

Referee: I M Bullerwell (England)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 P T Thorburn (Neath), 17 B Bowen (Swansea), 18 J Griffiths (Llanelli), 19 H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), 20 K H Phillips (Neath), 21 R Phillips (Neath).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 V Man (Oradea), 17 Z Vasluiew (CSM Iasi), 18 T Oroian (Steaua Bucharest), 19 O Sugar (Baia Mare IM), 20 S Secelearu (Baia Mare IM), 21 A Domocos (Timosoara University).



Hall: Twickenham and Cardiff Arms Park in five days

Hall in search of a happy ending

By Peter Bills

Mike Hall was coping with a nagging headache when the Welsh selectors informed him he was playing against Romania.

A night's revelry is not exactly the recommended preparation for serious training prior to a full international. But Hall, anxious to drown his sorrows after the University match, had no idea he would be recalled by his country. Nor did the selectors, until Mark Ring went missing.

It has been an eventful week for Hall, whose future international prospects seemed to have been seriously blighted when Wales forced him to decide between a place in the Cambridge team or an international cap against Romania. He chose Twickenham and was promptly omitted from the squad, until Ring's miscalculation re-opened the door.

"When I heard I had to attend the session I assumed it was only as cover. Had I known I was playing I would have taken it very easily after Twickenham," said Hall. "When I trained I had a stitch after my first run and it took 10 minutes to run it all off."

Hall concedes he was "quite upset" to receive the Welsh ultimatum. "I thought my prospects of playing in the home internationals had been seriously diminished. Now I am back it is at least up to me."

His three previous international appearances have been on the wing, by selectorial preference, not personal choice. "But centre is where I want to play, it is my best position," he said. Twickenham was a crushing disappointment. Hall intends today's match to end differently.

Murariu in confident mood

By Chris Than

The Romanian captain, Florica Murariu, a veteran of four Welsh campaigns, is confident that his team can do well against Wales today. This change in the Romania outlook is quite astonishing. A year ago they lost 49-3 to France in Agen, 60-0 against Ireland, 55-12 against France and 55-28 against Scotland. But they bounced back with a vengance against the French in Bucharest when they lost narrowly a fortnight ago.

Murariu's belief that Romania can win is indicative of their new-found confidence. This is his third appearance at Cardiff, having played there in the narrowly lost 13-12 unofficial international in 1979 and for the Overseas XV in the centenary year of the Welsh Rugby Union.

"The 1979 side though stronger than the present one played a much more limited game. We arrived in Wales not to lose rather than win. The players making up the present side are more accomplished, able to expand the game. We will be playing to win after the good game against France in Bucharest," he said.

"Besides, the new fitness advisor Florentin Marinscu has brought with him a new concept of physical fitness. We've learned a lot and we are better for that."

"I'm proud of the way this side played against France. They showed a lot of pride and character. If these boys want to beat Wales hard enough they will probably be able to do it."

Murariu, an army captain who has been capped 64 times in 12 years of international rugby, has made no secret of Romania's desire to win."I played here twice and lost twice. This is going to be the third time lucky."

Russell set for NIFC

Peter Russell, one of three Instonian players involved in next week's Irish trial in Dublin, plays against NIFC (North) at Orneau this afternoon in a vital Ulster senior league match (George Ace writes). Russell pulled out of the Northern Bank team that won the Institute of Irish Bankers Cup on Thursday with a leg injury.

Instonians have four points from two games and North two from a possible six. But the Smithwick's Boston Cup finalists base their game on an uncompromising brand of forward play that almost upset Malone a few weeks ago — a performance that will not have gone unnoticed by the Shane Park side.

An eye to the trials as South defend record

By Alan Lorimer

The McEwan's Inter-District championship begins its fermentation process today with four out of the five teams involved in two matches which could have a significant impact on next month's trials selection.

At Jedburgh, South of Scotland face the Anglo-Scots and will be defending an unbeaten record against the exiles, who lost 21-16 to the Borderers in last season's match at Mayfield. The main focus of interest, with Scotland's opening five nations match only six weeks away, will be the contest between the two opposing stand-off halves, Craig Chalmers and Richard Cramb.

Chalmers was spared the humiliating defeat by the Wallabies at Mansfield Park, where the man he replaces today, Andrew Ker, of Kelso, was in the pivotal berth. Which of the two promotes his own case for national selection will of course very much depend on the relative strength of the two sets of forwards.

Here Chris Gray, who is close to winning full national honours, faces Alistair Campbell, of Hawick, and the Anglo back row of Dixon, Murray and Wainwright confronts Jeffrey, Paxton and Marshall.

In today's other district match, at Goldenacre, Edinburgh begin the defence of their title against Glasgow.

SOUTH: P Dodds (Gala); A Stanger (Hawick), C Redpath, R Baird, D Robeson (all Kelso); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Oliver (Hawick); N McIlroy (Jed-Forest), G Callander (Kelso), K Sudlow (Melrose), A Campbell, S Graham (both Hawick), J Jeffrey (Kelso, captain), I Paxton, J Marshall (Selkirk).

ANGLO-SCOTS: G Hastings (London Scottish); C Glasgow (Cambridge Univ), L Renwick (London Scottish, captain), D Cusmins (Gloucester), N Gracian (London Scottish); R Cramb (Harlequins), S Jardine (South Glamorgan Institute); P Burnell (London Scottish), B Gilchrist (Rosslyn Park), D Milne (Harriots FP), C Gray (Nottingham), D Crosin (Bath), I Dixon (London Scottish), A Murray (Waterloo), R Wainwright (Cambridge Univ).

EDINBURGH: S Douglas (Boroughmuir); P Steven (Harriots FP), S Hastings (Watsonians), S Lineen, M Dalgait (Boroughmuir); D Wyllie, J Scott (Stewart's-Melville); D Sole (Edinburgh Acdies), K Milne, I Milne (Harriots FP), J Richardson (Edinburgh Acdies), J Price (Boroughmuir), J Calder (Stewart's-Melville), K Rafferty (Harriots FP), F Calder (Stewart's-Melville).

GLASGOW: R Gilmore (Ayr); M Duncan (West of Scotland), C McGuffie (Ayr), S McAslan (Glasgow Academicals), D Stark (Ayr); D Barrett (West of Scotland), G MacGregor (Glasgow Academicals); G Graham (Stirling County), R Cairney (Glasgow Academicals), B Robertson (Stirling County), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), R Pirie, W Malcolm (Glasgow Academicals), H Parker (Wigtonshire), K Young (Kilmarnock).

Injuries ravage Midlands

By David Hands

Whatever ambitions the Midlands entertained in the Toshiba divisional championship this season have been effectively destroyed by the string of injuries which have plagued them. Last week they lost one quartet of players before the match against the North; now another quartet has withdrawn on the eve of today's game against the South and South-West at Beeston.

They knew on Thursday they would be without Johnson (prop) and Thomas (scrum half); yesterday Richards, the Leicester No. 8, and Hartley, the Nottingham centre, withdrew to be replaced by Cook, and Stiles, both of Nottingham. Club, division and country will start to worry if Richards does not show some sign shortly of shrugging off the shoulder injury he suffered in mid-November.

England will want to take on their training weekend in Portugal, in January, all those players from whom the team to play Scotland in their first five-nations match on February 4 is likely to come and Richards's worth needs no emphasis. Andrew, the Wasps stand-off half, whose damaged ribs will cause him to miss the North's divisional matches, comes into the same category.

"We do not want Dean to rush back because we would rather see him 100 per cent for the internationals in the new year, but it is worrying that this problem is not showing any signs of clearing up," Alan Davies, the Midlands coach, said.

The South-West have had to adjust their XV too, because the bruised femur which Buzza suffered during the University match, on Tuesday, will not permit him to play centre at Beeston. Knibbs moves inwards to his club position and Lumsden, the powerful Bath full back who represented England colts at wing and full back, will play on the left in his first divisional match.

It will be surprising indeed if the South-West do not add to the win they took from London and Dawe, restored to the side, may wish to make a point against Moore, the reigning England hooker. The game at Imber Court between London, and the North, the divisional champions, has a more open look in every way, given the North have chosen Tony Underwood specifically for his speed on the right wing.

There is the intriguing clash at centre between Salmon and his Harlequins colleague, Carling, the England captain, and between the brothers Underwood and London's two international wings, Bailey and Harriman.

At Imber Court

LONDON DIVISION (Harlequins unless stated): S Threadner; A Harriman, J Salmon, F Clough (Wasps), M Bailey (Wasps); A Thompson, S Bates (Wasps); P Dartis, J Olver, J Probyn (Wasps), M Skinner, N Edwards, P Ackford, D Pegler (Wasps, captain), J Ellison (Wasps).

NORTH DIVISION: S Langford (Orrell); T Underwood (Leicester), J Buckton (Sarracens), W Carling (Harlequins), R Underwood (Leicester); D Pears (Sale), D Morris (Liverpool St Helens); M Whitcombe (Sale), M Fenwick (Durham City), P Huntsman (Headingley), S Hodgson (Vale of Lune), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), R Kiminins (Orrell), P Winterbottom (Harlequins, captain), A Macfarlane (Sale).

Referee: L Peard (Wales).

At Beeston

MIDLAND DIVISION (Nottingham unless stated): S Hodgkinson; B Evans (Leicester), P Dodge (Leicester), K Stiles, S Hackney; L Cusworth (Leicester, captain), S Robson (Moseley); M Linnett (Moseley), B Moore, G Mosses, J Wells (Leicester), M Reid (Leicester), M Bayfield (Metropolitan Police), G Rees, P Cook.

SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST DIVISION (Bath unless stated): J Webb (Bristol); A Swift, R Knibbs (Bristol), J Guscott, A Lumsden; S Barnes (captain), R Hill; M Preedy (Gloucester), G Dawe, R Pascall (Gloucester), J Hall, J Morrison, N Redman, A Robinson, M Teague (Gloucester).

Referee: C High (Manchester).

GOLF

Mackay disarms critics with a sparkling display

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Melbourne

The achievement of Roger Mackay in propelling Australia to the halfway lead in the World Cup of Golf, with a course record nine-under-par second round of 63 here at Royal Melbourne, cannot be too highly praised.

Mackay received stout support from his partner, Peter Senior, who scored 68, as Australia defiantly sprang from the pack so that with a total of 274 they edged into a two-shot advantage, ahead of the United States, in this event sponsored by Philip Morris.

All of which took the Australian nation by surprise since Mackay and Senior have been publicly taunted and presented as little more than deputies for Rodger Davis and Greg Norman. In fact Mackay and Senior qualified to compete via the regulations laid down by the Australian PGA.

Even so, what has angered them even more is the accusation that they had been guilty of "conduct unbecoming of professional golfers" because Senior arrived at the opening flag-raising ceremony with only seconds to spare and Mackay was given leave of absence.

The background to this controversy stemmed from the need for Mackay and Senior to visit their home cities of Perth and Brisbane respectively because, by an unusual coincidence, each of their wives was expecting to give birth.

Neither Mackay nor Senior, as one can imagine, were happy with the undercurrent of bad feeling, although it is conceivable that it has stirred them to great deeds, but they decided following the first round that their best course of action would be to totally ignore all the hurtful comments directed at them.

Senior explained: "A lot of things have been said but Roger and I went out in the second round determined to forget them. It was nice to settle down and to play golf the way we wanted to. The only thing that interests us now is winning the World Cup."

The outcome of their conversation was a truly professional performance with which they have laid the perfect foundation from which to give Australia a fine sporting finale to the bicentennial year.

What is more Mackay thoroughly deserved to be acclaimed, as he was by his compatriot Peter Thomson, the five-times Open champion, for the manner in which he mastered one of the most difficult courses in the world under the severest of pressure. Indeed, his round of 63, which included 11 birdies and only 24 putts, lowered by one shot the record set by Hale Irwin and equalled by Greg Norman.

"That was as brave an effort as I have seen on a golf course," said Thomson. "Roger is a very wholesome fellow and he needed to be to go out there and play like that considering all the nasty things that have been said. Greg Norman could not have done that."

For Mackay it was a remarkable effort since for most of this year he has been tormented by a back injury which has restricted his appearances. Relief has come only recently with the assistance of the same chiropractor who successfully treated Dennis Lillee.

Gordon Brand Jnr compiled an excellent 66 so that Scotland remained in touch, only six shots behind in spite of Colin Montgomerie taking 74. Brand collected six birdies in a flawless effort during which he rediscovered his putting touch by means of adopting a tighter grip. Montgomerie only fell away in the closing stages, dropping three shots in the last four holes as he suffered in the sultry conditions. "I'm going to buy him a hat for the next round," said Brand.

SECOND ROUND SCORES

274: Australia (P Senior 70, 68, R Mackay 73, 63).
278: United States (B Crenshaw 68, 67, M McCumber 71, 70).
278: Japan (T Ozaki 68, 69, M Ozaki 70, 71).
279: Spain (J Rivero 67, 70, M Pinero 72, 70). New Zealand (F Nobilo 67, 69, G Turner 72, 71).
280: Taiwan (Sheng-San Hsu 74, 71, Wen-Sheng Li 69, 66). Scotland (G Brand Jnr 71, 66, C Montgomerie 69, 74).
283: Canada (D Barr 70, 67, B Franklin 74, 72).
288: Ireland (R Rafferty 71, 70, D Smyth 71, 74).
287: Brazil (P Diniz 69, 73, R Navarro 71, 74).
289: Denmark (A Sorensen 73, 71, S Tinning 72, 73).
290: Italy (C Rocca 73, 72, G Cali 74, 71).
291: England (M James 69, 74, B Lane 73, 75). Argentina (E Romero 75, 72, J Soto 70, 74).
292: Wales (M Mouland 73, 72, D Llewellyn 77, 70).
294: Mexico (R Alarcon 69, 72, E Serna 80, 73).
295: Thailand (S Srisangar 72, 71, B Ruangkit 77, 75). Colombia (R Gonzales 73, 78, E Herrera 70, 74).
296: France (E Dussart 76, 72, M Pendaries 77, 71).
297: Sweden (A Forsbrand 76, 77, J Rystrom 70, 74).
298: South Korea (N S Park 69,77, S H Choi 77, 76).
300: Switzerland (K Baradie 70, 75, H Schumacher 73, 82).
303: Philippines (M Siodina 73, 75, R Labares 78, 77).
304: Finland (T Sipponen 74, 75, M Louhio 73, 82).
305: Malaysia (S Yusof 75, 77, B Buluah 77, 76).
306: Venezuela (R Munoz 75, 75, J Santana 76, 80). Zimbabwe (A Edwards 74, 78, T Price 77, 77).
308: West Germany (C Krauss 79, 78, W John 77, 73).
309: India (R Singh 74, 79, B Ali 77, 79).
311: Indonesia (G Suwirjo 78, 75, Kasiadi 79, 79).
314: Hong Kong (Yau Sui Ming 78, 78, A Tang 80, 78).
317: Netherlands (W Swart 82, 77, K Borst 78, 80).

LEADING INDIVIDUAL SCORES: 135: Wen-Shen Li (Taipei) 69, 66; B Crenshaw (US) 68, 67. 136: R Mackay (Aus) 73, 63; F Nobilo (NZ) 67, 69. 137: G Brand Jnr (Scot) 71, 66; D Barr (Can) 70, 67; T Ozaki (Japan) 68, 69; J Rivero (Sp) 67, 70. 138: P Senior (Aus) 70, 68. 141: M McCumber (US) 71, 70; R Rafferty (Ire) 71, 70; M Ozaki (Japan) 70, 71; R Alarcon (Mexico) 69, 72.

Nine men bite the dust in shoot-out at dawn

From John Hennessy, La Manga

It was drivers at dawn as darkness receded here by the Mediterranean yesterday. Eleven golfers, in various stages of twitch, sauntered myopically onto the first tee of the South course ready for a sudden-death contest to decide which two of them would mop up the last treasured PGA European Tour players' cards.

They had all finished on 430, level par, the day before in the six-round qualifying school.

The hole is a comfortable start to a round of golf provided the ball is safely launched from the tee. It measures 390 yards and therefore requires nothing too demanding from the fairway.

Danger lurks on either side, however, a lake bordered by trees on the left, a ravine bordered by bunkers on the right. The two British survivors, alas, fell foul of them, Chris Platts half-way down the bank of the ravine, Nell Briggs among the trees.

They must have known then that their chance was gone, for even if they were to save par it would probably not be good enough.

So it proved, for two men did, indeed, achieve birdies, so that Briggs's fine recovery went unrewarded. As for Platts, he never looked like making anything better than a five.

The last two cards, therefore, went to Francis Quian, from Massachussets, and Mariano Aparicio, from Madrid, who both controlled their emotions well enough to hole out from 25 feet.

So it was that nine players drifted back to the club house in various stages of despair, after playing 109 holes of golf with nothing to show for it but a bruised ego. So far there has been no ominous sound of gunfire to suggest that sudden-death has been taken too literally.

Australians in control

Auckland (AFP) — Ian Stanley is leading a strong Australian challenge after two rounds of the Auckland Open. His second round of 69 gave him a total of 135 and a one-shot lead over his compatriot, Peter Fowler.

Stanley said he was happy with his game in the strong winds but admitted that he had failed with some short putts. Third, on 137, is another Australian, Ossie Moore, while Terry Gale is in a tie for fourth place with Hale Irwin. The USPGA champion, Jeff Sluman, missed the cut.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (Australian unless stated): 135: I Stanley 66, 69; P Fowler, 67, 69. 137: O Moore, 68, 69. 139: H Irwin (US), 68, 70; T Gale, 69, 69. 139: J Diggelta (US), 69, 70; J Woodland, 68, 71. 140: S Owen (NZ), 72, 68.

SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

The battle of the Mersey



Racing into history: Alan Ball (left) gives chase before scoring the winning goal in the Everton-Liverpool FA Cup fifth round tie of 1967

Liverpool and Everton will tomorrow resume the most intense rivalry in English football. Every Merseyside derby is an occasion – none more so than when Alan Ball was first playing for Everton in the 1966-67 season

Everton's response to their defeat by Liverpool in the 1966 Charity Shield match was to break the British transfer record two days later. They paid £112,000 to Blackpool for Alan Ball. The outlay, which was hardly a gamble, yielded an instant return. Ball marked his debut the following Saturday by scoring the only goal of the match against Fulham. On the Tuesday night, his first home game in his new colours ended in defeat by Manchester United. Four days later came the first League derby of the season. It was the beginning of the Bank Holiday weekend. Goodison Park was again the venue, the attendance was even larger than it had been for the Charity Shield, and Everton were a transformed team.

After only 10 minutes, Ball put Everton ahead. He would probably have been flagged offside had Morrissey's shot not struck a defender but, once given the opening, his finishing was superb. Seven minutes later, Ball scored again. Morrissey's free kick was chested down by Ron Yeats, who could have cleared but waited instead for Milne to take charge. By the time the full-back had appreciated the situation, Ball had leapt in to crash a shot into the roof of the net.

The game remained in Everton's control until shortly before half-time when Hunt struck a free kick against a massed defence. The rebound ran to Tommy Smith, whose low shot beat the unsighted West's dive. The goal raised Liverpool's spirits but did nothing to improve the tone of one of the most unsavoury post-war derbies. Yeats, Smith and Young were cautioned and there were others who were fortunate to find Ken Dagnall, the referee, disposed to take a tolerant view of their comments. It was a particularly sad day for Yeats, whose behaviour in adversity did nothing to atone for his mistakes. He was, however, the recipient of rough justice after his caution for fouling Brown seven minutes from the end: Wilson took the free kick, Young helped the ball on and Brown headed Everton's third goal.

The final whistle brought an uneasy close, some players shaking hands, others pointedly refusing. One man who did emerge with his reputation enhanced was Alan Ball. Not only had he scored the two goals that opened the way to success, he had restrained his notoriously inflammable temper and stayed aloof from the confrontations.

"The first game of the season we beat Fulham 1-0, and I got the winner. The following Saturday, it was the derby. I'd never even seen one – thank God! I went into it a bit like the World Cup Final, not knowing what to expect but absolutely loving the atmosphere. And I scored twice in the first 20 minutes.

"Nobody could have asked for a better start, and when the second one went in, I'd never heard so many people singing my name or encouraging me like that in my life – even by comparison with the World Cup – and I've never experienced it again. They'd paid a record transfer fee and they'd found someone they could hang their hat on.

"I liken those games to running out at Wembley for the first time. You either loved the atmosphere or you hated it. Colin Bell was a great player, but he didn't like Wembley and it wasn't until the latter end of his career that he performed well there. Big games are like that. I've seen people choked by them. But I revelled in them.

"People talk about the pace of derbies. But I set my own pace. It was fast, but I went at it and dictated my own pace. It wasn't ever a question of settling into a new side, because I went about things my own way. I was an arrogant player on the pitch. I demanded the ball and I got it, and I worked and I passed it and I ran, continuity player as I was; so I tended to have a big say in a match because I had the ball so much, because of my energy and the way I demanded the ball off people.

"I remember sitting after that game and thinking: 'This is unbelievable. This is what I want, what I've been missing for five or six years.'"

The following March, *The Sound of Music* was still running at the Odeon, but now it had a long-running rival: Goodison Park was about to stage its third derby of the season, this time in the fifth round of the FA Cup.

From the moment the draw was made, it was apparent that no League ground in the country would be able to contain everyone who wanted to see the tie. To ease the pressure, Liverpool arranged for closed-circuit television to relay coverage on eight giant screens at Anfield. The installation of scaffolding platforms for projectors in the Kop meant that the ground capacity had to be reduced. After consultation with the City Surveyor's Department, the limit was set at 40,500.

There were three sales points for tickets: at the two grounds and at Liverpool Stadium. At Goodison, more than 100 people were hurt in the scramble; 30 were taken to Walton Hospital. At Liverpool Stadium, sales were halted for an hour while police reinforcements were summoned to control the crowds. By 9 p.m., three hours after sales had begun, every ticket, both for the match and for the television relay, had been sold. In all, 105,000 people would gather to watch – the highest-ever attendance for an FA Cup tie outside Wembley. Among them would be Paul Gray, a 20-year-old Everton supporter. His advertisement in the *Liverpool Echo* was answered by a young man from Bootle who gave up a ground ticket, face value five shillings and sixpence, in exchange for Paul's 1957 Ford Consul, MoT certificate included.

To ensure the best conditions for the television audience the kick-off was set for 7 p.m. The game itself proved to be exactly what experienced Scousers had predicted. Even players accustomed to the stress of Merseyside derbies were affected. The will to win struggled to overcome the fear of defeat. The prospect of a replay began to look like a lifeline to honourable escape.

But the silver screens, with their larger-than-life figures, seemed almost to demand a decisive intervention by a hero from the era of Saturday-morning serials. He emerged, wearing not a white stetson but a blue shirt, towards the close of a first half prolonged by stoppages. Milne compounded Yeats's failure to clear by underhitting his pass back towards goal. Jimmy Husband dashed in as Tommy Lawrence plunged. The ball spun away to the right of the goal. Alan Ball, first to react, pushed it further and gave chase. As Lawrence, Yeats and Smith hurled themselves forward to protect the net, Ball turned, anticipated the goalkeeper's response, and in the same movement delivered his shot on target from an inconceivably tight angle.

"I can remember thinking when they decided to put the television screens up at Anfield that this was the stage for me. There'd be 100,000 people in the two stadiums and people all over the country watching. And once again the enormousness of the game was brought home to me.

"It was a horrible, windy night but the game set off at a cracking pace again. It was electric in the stadium. I think it was Gordon Milne who mis-hit a back pass, and the wind held it up, and it looked like it was going to go out. I thought, 'You lucky devil, you've got away with that.' But the wind had taken it away from the goal, and I just gambled and went after it. I smacked the volley from an acute angle right in the other corner. I've never hit a volley as sweetly in my life. I finished up right in the corner by the flag, and I don't think I got away from there for about three minutes. These days, I'd have been charged with bringing the game into disrepute."

Match details

August 27, 1966 (first division): Everton 3, Liverpool 1.
Scorers: Ball 2, Brown (Everton); Smith (Liverpool)
Venue: Goodison Park
Attendance: 64,318.

EVERTON: G West, T Wright, R Wilson, J Gabriel, B Labone, C Harvey, D Temple, A Ball, F Pickering (sub: A Brown), A Young, J Morrissey.

LIVERPOOL: T Lawrence, C Lawler, G Milne, T Smith, R Yeats, W Stevenson, I Callaghan, R Hunt, I St John, G Strong, P Thompson.

March 11, 1967 (FA Cup fifth round): Everton 1, Liverpool 0.
Scorer: Ball
Venue: Goodison Park
Attendance: 64,851 (40,149 watched the game live on giant television screens at Anfield)

EVERTON: G West; T Wright, R Wilson, J Hurst, B Labone, C Harvey, A Young, A Ball, D Temple, J Husband, J Morrissey.

LIVERPOOL: T Lawrence; C Lawler, G Byrne, G Milne, R Yeats, W Stevenson, I Callaghan, R Hunt, I St John, T Smith, P Thompson.

The most talked about goal that never was

Bill Kenwright, the actor, impresario and lifelong Blue, tells a story of waiting in a queue at Piccadilly station in Manchester when he saw a man he recognized, but had never met, standing in another queue. On an impulse, Kenwright walked over and said: "It wasn't, you know." And the man replied, "I'm not sure." Nothing more was said, but Kenwright returned to his place knowing that, even as total strangers, they both understood that the subject of their brief conversation was an incident that had occurred a decade previously. The second man was Clive Thomas, the Welsh referee, who had made a derby-day decision that Evertonians to a man still believe cost them the chance of playing in two Wembley Cup Finals in the same season.

By the spring of 1977, Merseyside was in a state of unprecedented preoccupation with trophies, domestic and European. On 19 March, nearly 100,000 people on opposite sides of Stanley Park saw the Reds and the Blues win sixth-round FA Cup ties. Liverpool beat Middlesbrough 2-0 at Anfield, while at Goodison Park Everton beat Derby County by the same score. Monday lunchtime's draw produced the semi-final all Merseyside had hoped to avoid, but now would want to see.

When the mass exodus from Merseyside began on Saturday morning, mischievous Liverpool fans were chuckling over Gordon Lee's horoscope in the previous day's *Daily Post*: "You may be entertaining false apprehensions today – you seem to be in an over-anxious mood, especially about what you are handling in the way of work." If Lee had reason to be nervous, it was over injuries. When the teams took the field, both Latchford and King were missing. The conditions, wet and windy, could hardly have been worse. And after 10 minutes Liverpool took the lead through Terry McDermott.

Whatever misgivings there may have been about Duncan McKenzie's delicate skills on such a day, however, they were swept aside by one of his most impressive displays in an Everton shirt. Just after the half-hour, when Dobson's shot rebounded, it was McKenzie who coolly stroked home the equalizer. After so many sterile derbies, this was a confrontation of tingling excitement, thrust met with parry and counter-thrust. Seventeen minutes remained when Fairclough gave way to David Johnson, and a minute later Liverpool scored again, Jimmy Case heading Ray Kennedy's free kick beyond the Everton defence.

It could have been a decisive blow after Everton had looked the better team for much of the afternoon, but under Gordon Lee the Blues had developed a fervent desire not to be beaten. This too, was their only chance of reward for the season. They were determined that this should not be snatched away as the League Cup had been. In the 82nd, Jim Pearson's pass gave McKenzie the opportunity to centre, and as the ball dropped out of Ray Clemence's reach, Bruce Rioch ran in to score his first goal for Everton.

While the tumult still echoed around the Maine Road stands, Everton attacked again. Ronnie Goodlass crossed, McKenzie helped the ball on and Bryan Hamilton, who had come on as a substitute for Dobson, guided it into the net. The Everton players wheeled in jubilation. Liverpool heads and shoulders sagged. But one man was unmoved: the referee, Clive Thomas, had awarded Liverpool a free kick, although at that time he alone on the ground could have said why. Was it handball? Was it offside? The controversy was not resolved by the final whistle, nor by television replays. Thomas refused to comment. Everton fans, then and ever since, could not be persuaded that the goal was anything but legitimate.

Inevitably, the referee's decision was the prime talking point at the Press conferences. When that topic was exhausted, to no one's satisfaction, there was one other question that had to be asked: "What had Gordon Lee thought of Duncan McKenzie's peformance? Lee replied: "Why ask about him when there were ten other players on the pitch who played well?"

McKenzie has impresive powers of recall for incidents in games in which he has played. The first semi-final at Maine Road remains particularly vivid. "I went into that game with the usual trepidation about derby matches. I absolutely hated them. At that time there was quite a nucleus of Liverpool-born players in both sides, and you could eliminate them to begin with. In our case, people like Terry Darracott, Mick Lyons, Steve Seargeant and Roger Kenyon would go about kicking lavatory doors, heading the ceiling and butting the doors. You knew that when you took the field it was going to be a physical battle, a battle of nerves and pride in terms of those five or six players on each side.



McKenzie: "I saw every inch of the ball and Bryan certainly didn't handle it."

"Going into that particular match, we thought that for once at least it would be on a neutral ground and therefore it should be a little bit easier. The conditions were absolutely awful, with water lying on the pitch in some areas. Well, we went out and got absolutely battered for the first 10 minutes. I thought we were in for a trouncing. To be honest, it appeared to me that if we saw the ball we'd be doing well if we could keep it. And, of course, when we got it, we couldn't keep it.

"They scored first – Terry McDermott scored with a beautiful chip, though David Lawson was stranded off his line when he shouldn't have been. And then the second goal was a mistake by Emlyn Hughes, who tried to fanny about in the corner. Jim Pearson dispossessed him and crossed the ball into the box. The ball half stuck in the mud and half struck under my foot, so it was a question of digging it out rather than getting a clean strike at it. Anyway, I swung at it and the shot clipped Tommy Smith on the thigh and just flipped up that extra inch – to this day Ray Clemence swears he had it covered. But, of course, he always did....

"That was 1-1 with virtually my first kick of the game. But somehow it didn't change the pattern, and they went in front with a rather bizarre goal when David Lawson, who was quite a big lad, was challenged by Kevin Keegan – David said, 'he bumped me' – and the ball kind of flopped down to Jimmy Case, who looped a 15-yard header into the far corner.

"I thought, 'Well, that's it; we've had our chance.' But late on in the second half, I remember picking the ball up in midfield and a gap opening up towards the far post. I thought, if I can make haste here I can get somewhere towards the penalty area before they can force me away towards the corner flag, and the next thing I was squaring the ball back for Bruce Rioch to equalise.

"From then on we threw everything at them. Then came this amazing decision from our friend Mr Thomas. I think it was Mick Buckley who had knocked a ball out wide to Ronnie Goodlass, who'd gone round Smithy and clipped it back from the by-line. Not being noted for my heading ability, I sort of launched myself forward and got a head to the ball. It went on to Bryan Hamilton who committed the cardinal sin, really, of keeping his hands down by his side; the ball clipped the front of his hip and flashed into the net. There was no flag from the linesman at all, and Clive Thomas, from some 40 yards behind us, decided that an infringement occurred.

"I saw every inch of the ball and Bryan certainly didn't handle it. So the only other thing it could have been disallowed for was offside, and then when I saw Tommy Smith lying on the floor I knew full well that he wasn't offside.

"Clive would never say why he gave the decision. He was even approached by John Toshack, who was out of the Liverpool side, injured. I was standing in my shorts just outside the dressing room when John came down the stairs. 'My God,' he said, 'What did you disallow the goal for?' And Clive said: 'An infringement occurred, John, and you should know better than to ask.' And that was the end of it. But Tosh turned round and said to me: 'Well, I'll be the first to admit – you were robbed.'"

In refusing to explain at the time why he had disallowed Bryan Hamilton's 'goal' at Maine Road, Clive Thomas was observing the instruction that referees should not discuss their decisions. Now, in retirement, he gives a straightforward account.

"From the angle of the cross, there was no way that Bryan Hamilton could have controlled the ball without the use of his arm. In no way could I say that from behind I could have seen the ball make contact with his hand or his arm. But I was 100 per cent certain that he couldn't have controlled it in any other way. So I disallowed it. For handball."

Match details

April 23, 1977: Everton 2, Liverpool 2.
Scorers: McKenzie, Rioch (Everton); McDermott, Case (Liverpool).
Venue: Maine Road, Manchester.
Attendance: 52,637.

EVERTON: D Lawson; T Darracott, M Pejic, M Lyons, K McNaught, B Rioch, M Buckley, M Dobson (sub: B Hamilton), J Pearson, D McKenzie, R Goodlass.

LIVERPOOL: R Clemence; P Neal, J Jones, T Smith, R Kennedy, E Hughes, K Keegan, J Case, S Heighway, D Fairclough, D Johnson, T McDermott.

● These articles are taken from *The Great Derbies: Everton v Liverpool* by Brian Barwick and Gerald Sinstadt (BBC Books, £9.95).

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens cast in role of underdogs

By Keith Macklin

It is a rare event for St Helens to find themselves cast in the role of underdogs, but that happens today when the Saints play Widnes in the first semi-final of the John Player Special Trophy. Widnes, the champions and premiership holders, have shown such stunningly consistent form this season that no one can be found prepared to tip against them at Wigan today.

Naturally this exasperates Alex Murphy, the St Helens coach, who complains bitterly that his team are constantly dubbed "lucky" without regard to the fact that they are the holders of the trophy. Says Murphy: "They will call us lucky Saints all the way to the final."

Widnes have a much lower public profile than St Helens, perhaps because Doug Laughton, their coach, prefers his team to do the talking on the field. However, he described his team's performance against Warrington last week as "one of the best and most disciplined we have ever given", and he is quietly confident Widnes will reach the final, extending their record number of John Player final appearances to seven. Statistics are against St Helens, who have suffered defeat at the semi-final stage five times.

Widnes have to make an enforced change after a long, uninterrupted spell with an unchanged squad. The winger, Rick Thackray, is injured and his likely replacement is the experienced Barry Dowd.

Since Widnes beat the Saints comfortably in last season's premiership final I expect them to maintain that dominance today against a star-studded, undoubtedly gifted but inconsistent St Helens side.

In tomorrow's championship games Wigan should continue their rise up the table from a surprisingly low position by winning against a Halifax team ravaged by problems and self-doubt. Salford attempt to come back after a series of reverses by winning their home game against the John Player semi-finalists, Bradford Northern, and throw their new half-back signing, Steve Kerry, in at the deep end.

Leeds have stumbled badly of late, and must beware another shock home defeat against the improving Featherstone Rovers.

SWIMMING

Boyd leads the way for Britain

By Steven Downes

Kevin Boyd gave the Britain men's team its first individual victory for six years when he led from the start of the 400 metres freestyle in the Sun Life European Cup in Edinburgh yesterday.

In a typically bold swim, Boyd, who has set three British records in the last month, made his race fitness tell, and he came close enough to his own British record to suggest that that time, too, might be revised soon.

Not since Adrian Moorhouse, in 1982, has a British man won an individual race in the Europa Cup, and in the eight previous stagings of the event, British women have only ever won once. They seem unlikely to add to that tally this year, either, if the experience of Suki Brownsdon is anything to go by.

In the 200 metres breaststroke, Brownsdon knocked nearly two seconds off her three-year-old British best, yet could place only third. "I didn't think I could go so fast," she said, although neither had she anticipated that Daniela Brendel could go quite so quickly.

Brendel, aged 15, from East Berlin, the European junior champion, set a competition record to win.

After the East Germans had won the first event, the women's 800 metres freestyle, in suitably dominant style through Heide Grein, the West Germans then surprised their rivals.

Stephanie Ortwig found a telling sprint over the final 10 metres to take the 200 metres freestyle from Dagmar Hase.

RESULTS (British unless stated): Men: Freestyle: 100m: 1, S Volery (Switz), 49.49sec; 7, M Fibbens, 50.31. 400m: 1, K Boyd, 3min 45.18sec. Backstroke: 200m: 1, S Zabolnnov (USSR), 1:59.76; 8, G Binfield, 2:05.52. Breaststroke: 100m: 1, D Volkov (USSR), 1:00.36 (Cup record); 4, N Gillingham, 1:02.38. Butterfly: 200m: 1, K Hoffmmann (WG), 2:00.20; 5, T Jones, 2:02.37. Individual medley: 200m: 1, J Hladky (WG), 2:00.37; 5, D Roley, 2:04.79. Relay: 4x100m medley: 1, Soviet Union, 3:40.66; 5, Great Britain (Binfield, Gillingham, Leishman, Fibbens), 3:48.36.

Women: Freestyle: 200m: 1, S Ortwig (WG), 1:59.78; 4, J Croft, 2:01.59. 800m: 1, H Gren (EG), 8:26.59; 4, P Hutchinson, 8:48.91. Backstroke: 100m: 1, A Eichhorst (EG), 1:02.90; 3, K Read, 1:03.86. Breaststroke: 200m: 1, D Brendel (EG), 2:26.54 (Cup record); 3, S Brownsdon, 2:28.54 (British best). Butterfly: 100m: 1, N Koekkoek (Neth), 1:01.75; 4, M Scarborough, 1:02.57. Individual medley: 400m: 1, G Mueller (EG), 4:41.53; 6, H Welsh, 4:56.95. Relay: 4x100m freestyle: 1, East Germany, 3:43.20; 5, Great Britain (Croft, Pickering, Scarborough, Gillian), 3.50.78.

ATHLETICS

Women run to the rescue

After the sometimes acid exchanges of the annual general meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association last Saturday, the British Amateur Athletic Board AGM in Birmingham today promises to be a much more anodyne affair (Pat Butcher writes).

The recognition that the AAA may be on the verge of disappearing into a British Athletic Federation has prompted the Women's AAA to back its male counterpart for one of the first times in its history.

That should be sufficient to ensure that the AAA caretakership of the board is extended through until 1991.

Dick Hinder meets a celebrated couple about to change course

Moulds' great expectations

IAN STEWART



David and Marion Mould show their affection for Henry, a champion working hunter and family pet

Good luck messages have been pouring into David and Marion Mould's home, near Lingfield, following the news that they are expecting their first child in March after 19 years of marriage.

Mould, the Queen Mother's former senior jockey, couldn't resist a joke: "We didn't want to rush into parenthood. I had to be sure she was going to stay with me."

The impending new arrival has meant a change of direction for the happy couple. They are selling their 30-acre equestrian centre and house to seek a new challenge, although Mould will continue in his role as a steward at Lingfield's National Hunt meetings.

Mould, aged 48, explained: "When we found Marion was pregnant it gave us the chance to take stock. We've never had a proper break since our marriage so we decided to cash in on our investment and look for something else."

The Moulds have another 15 acres nearby where they hope to receive building permission for a house but, with their pedigree, a lack of involvement with horses must seem unnatural. Mould shrugged: "One day, I'm sure we will return to it, but at the moment we are just enjoying a complete break."

His wife, aged 41, is positively blooming. She smiled: "Right now I'm enjoying the role of a lady of leisure. No more humping heavy saddles and bales of hay. The most strenuous thing I carry is a coffee cup."

While David built up a fine career as a stylish rider during the Sixties and early Seventies, his wife, as Marion Coakes, reached stardom in the showjumping ring with her legendary association with that marvellous pony Stroller.

Just 14.2 hands, Stroller carried Marion to many glittering prizes, including a silver medal in the 1968 Mexico Olympics, and a special place in the nation's affections.

Stroller died in March, 1986 at the remarkable age of 36, drawing a poignant memory from his devoted rider: "Stroller stayed on my parents' farm in Hampshire. We hadn't been to see him for a couple of months so we arranged to go down one Sunday for lunch.

"When we arrived we were told he hadn't been too well. He stayed in his box while we made a fuss of him. We went back in for our meal and then there was this frantic call from the yard to tell us he had just collapsed with a heart attack. He died that afternoon. It's uncanny, but I'm sure he was just hanging on to say goodbye to us."

"He was buried on my parents' farm. He was a fabulous horse and had a wonderful life."

Her silver-haired husband, still a sleek 11 stone after years wasting to ride at 10st 5lb, rode over 600 winners before retiring in the 1974-75 season.

His firm favourite was the Queen Mother's Makaldar. "He was an ugly old brute really with great big ears like a donkey. But I loved him. He was bone idle and needed to be stoked up to get the best out of him, but he never took umbrage."

Mould confessed: "We should have won Saucy Kit's Champion Hurdle, but Aurelius (later disqualified) carried us right across the course from the last and I couldn't put in a proper challenge.

"The Queen Mother had so many top-class horses, it was a privilege to ride for her. She still takes the trouble to write to us every Christmas. She is a grand lady, never flusters or gets upset and she's a wonderful sport."

Mould straddled two generations of jockeys and, along with Johnny Haine, was the first to bring the stylishness of Flat racing to National Hunt riding.

Comparing different generations is difficult, but Mould believes there was a greater depth of top-class jockeys during his career.

"Peter Scudamore is riding brilliantly and John Francome, with his power and brains, was absolutely superb — the complete jockey who would be top of any era.

"However, when I was riding there must have been 20 jockeys capable of winning at top level — people like Josh Gifford, Stan Mellor, Jeff King, Terry Biddlecombe, David Nicholson and the Irishmen, Pat Taaffe and Tommy Carberry, were around."

Mould started as an Epsom apprentice with Staff Ingham at five shillings a week. "A really tough master who kept his boots clean on my backside."

By the time he was 17, young Mould already weighted nine stone and was recommended a position with Peter Cazalet at Fairlawne, near Tonbridge.

"He was another tough man, brought up in the old traditions," reported Mould. If a jockey went up to the house he had to use the tradesmen's entrance. And the Major hated smoking. Any stable lad caught with a cigarette was sacked on the spot."

Mould survived the strict regime to reach the top echelon, with several fine victories including the 1970 Hennessy on Border Mask.

Memories of the Grand National came flooding back, including Foinavon's incredible 1967 victory. "I was brought down at the 23rd fence melee on Different Class. We were going so well at the time, I thought I was sure to win. The following year I had a super round on the same horse. Crossing Melling Road, I thought this is it. We were going easily again, but then he just fell apart. He didn't get the trip, but we finished third behind Red Alligator."

Mould also enjoyed some exhilarating rides on Tingle Creek when riding later in his career for Tom Jones, but his only regret was not winning the jockeys' title. "I would have loved to have been champion, but I never had a season free of injury."

"I spent more Christmases in hospital than at home and even managed to break my foot two days after our wedding in 1969." "That was some honeymoon," added Marion, ruefully.

Mould loved the camaraderie among the jockeys in his era. "If you had a winner it was your turn to push the boat out. Sometimes the parties used to go on from the last race till three in the morning and then you had to get back bleary-eyed to ride out at six. Motorway travel and the breathalyser stopped all that, but they were great days."

Mould sensibly saved enough from his riding career to buy his present establishment with the intention of starting training, but confessed: "My trouble was I could train horses, but I know I wouldn't have been able to train the owners."

So the Moulds concentrated on setting up an equestrian centre. There young horses — showjumpers, dressage, eventers and even racehorses were developed and young riders could also receive tuition.

That chapter of their life, though, is now history. Fingers are firmly crossed for a safe delivery in the spring and a potential young rider cast in a champion mould.

Cool Sun stars in superb treble for Pitman family

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Mark and Jenny Pitman took Cheltenham by storm yesterday. As the sun set behind Cleve Hill, the 22-year-old jockey sent Garrison Savannah four lengths clear of Inde Pulse in the Coral Golden Hurdle Qualifier to land a 197-1 treble for the in-form pair. It was also the eighth winner in the past 10 days for Mrs Pitman.

After the jockey and trainer had both had their first three-timer in the historic amphitheatre of Prestbury Park, where Mark's father, Richard, had won the Champion Hurdle on Lanzarote, the trainer said: "I want Mark to get all the credit for this. Garrison Savannah was flat to the boards at halfway. He reminds me a lot of Corbiere, he looks like him and runs like him. That's why I bought him."

Having served his time with David Nicholson, Mark Pitman joined his mother three years ago. His early career was plagued with injuries. "Last season was all right," said the trainer, "but before that he broke his collarbone 14 times, nine times on the right and five on the left."

Garrison Savannah may yet come back to Cheltenham for the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at the National Hunt Festival in March. "He's going to go novice chasing in January," she said, "and it depends on how he gets on there."

Mrs Pitman's patient autumn policy is certainly reeping a rich harvest now that the rain has come. But earlier her chances of a double — let alone a treble — had looked remote when Cool Sun crashed into the eighth fence from home in the BMW Series final.

Staging a miraculous recovery, Pitman then bided his time before sending the fast improving eight-year-old up to challenge Bigsun, the favourite, at the second last to go storming clear for a two lengths win. "I thought he'd gone beyond the point of no return," said Mrs Pitman. "He just took off too far away and made a mess of it," commented the jockey.

Cool Sun will now attempt to follow in the footsteps of Corbiere, Burrough Hill Lad and Stearsby in the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow on December 27. After that Cool Sun will be prepared for Aintree. "Les Hamilton, his owner, lives at Netherton, only a few miles from the course, and it's his lifelong ambition to win the National," Mrs Pitman added.

The world's greatest steeplechase is also the target for Bucko, who, equipped with blinkers, ran out a decisive winner of the Food Brokers Ferrero Rocher Chase for Mark Dwyer and Jimmy Fitzgerald. Bought by J P McManus before his unsuccessful Aintree attempt in April, Bucko is now also, like Cool Sun, to be aimed at the Welsh National first.

In the first race of the afternoon, the Bristol Novices' Hurdle, the Pitmans had initiated their treble when Hawthorn Hill Lad beat Chiasso Forte by 10 lengths. Pertemps Network, the 11-8 favourite, finished two lengths away third.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Edinburgh, Warwick.
TUESDAY: Sedgefield, Plumpton.
WEDNESDAY: Haydock Park, Worcester.
THURSDAY: Haydock Park, Southwell.
FRIDAY: Ayr, Fakenham.
SATURDAY: Ascot, Ayr, Nottingham.

Chiasso Forte had lost his place when well placed at the third hurdle from home, before rallying strongly in the last half mile. "Let's say that Peter Scudamore was very professional," said Oliver Sherwood, "but it's a mistake to try and go up on his inside. I don't think we would have won, but we would certainly have finished closer."

Martin Pipe and Scudamore gained quick compensation for the favourite's defeat when Enemy Action beat Guy Harwood's newcomer, Vayrua, by a hard fought length in the Charlton Kings Three-Year-Old Hurdle. The first two home, and Kiichi, were installed joint-favourites at 16-1 for the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle at the festival, but after a flood of money during the afternoon Ladbrokes shortened Enemy Action's price to 14-1 clear favourite.

However, Vayrua is rated a 13lb better horse on the Flat by *Timeform* than the winner, and yesterday's runner-up looks sure to prove a money-spinner over hurdles for Tony Ward. "It will be a different story when he's fitter and the ground is softer," said Mark Perrett, Vayrua's jockey.

Celebration for small syndicate

A working men's syndicate celebrated at Devon & Exeter yesterday when their little mare Queen's Anthem won the opening novices' hurdle at 14-1.

Queen's Anthem, trained by Robin Dickin, is owned by a syndicate run by Mrs Deirdre Thompson, who said: "Queen's Anthem was syndicated in 12 shares of £175 each, a total of £2,100, which is exactly what she cost. So this is one syndicate that no one can call a rip-off, and we're all thrilled."

Yesterday's results

Cheltenham

Going: good

12.35 (2m 4f hdle) 1, HAWTHORN HILL LAD (M Pitman, 7-2); 2, Chiasso Forte (M Richards, 7-2); 3, Pertemps Network (P Scudamore, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Whist A Fox, 14 Pearl Prospect (pu), 16 Battle Run, 16 Pamber Priory (4th), 20 Yoohoo Nan, 25 Cythera, 33 Earl Soham (6th), Lord Mustard (5th), Roc de Prince, Show Out Sunday (f). 13 ran. 10l, 2l, ½l, 10l, ¼l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £8.40. CSF: £16.84.

1.10 (2m ch) 1, AKRAM (A Mulholland, 7-2); 2, Fred The Tread (P Harley, 2-1 jf fav); 3, Latin American (A Rolls, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 2 jf fav Centre Attraction (5th), 25 Grey Tornado (4th). 5 ran. NR: Tom Caxton. ¾l, ½l, 3l, 20l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £4.60; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £5.50. CSF: £9.89.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, ENEMY ACTION (P Scudamore, Evens fav); 2, Vayrua (M Perrett, 9-2); 3, Imperial Flight (M Richards, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Rower, 8 National Service (pu), 16 Arctic Baron (4th), Naher, 20 Tairoba, 33 Glen Oak (5th), King Of The Clouds (6th), Rustic Comedy, Tribal Mascot, 50 Coworth Park (f). King William, 66 Bedford Lass. 15 ran. 1l, 15l, 3l, 4l, 4l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.80, £8.30. DF: £5.40. CSF: £6.48.

2.20 (3m 1f ch) 1, COOL SUN (M Pitman, 11-2); 2, Bigsun (R Dunwoody, 2-1 fav); 3, Alone Success (J White, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Good Waters (5th), Proud Pilgrim (4th), 12 Polar Nomad, 25 Red Columbia (6th), 33 Boracava (f), Bronzed Spar (pu), 100 Oakgrove (pu). 10 ran. 2l, 10l, 2½l, 3l, 15l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.40; £1.90, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £4.40. CSF: £15.67. Tricast: £52.38.

2.55 (3m 1f ch) 1, BUCKO (M Dwyer, 7-2); 2, Ren And Stimp (P Scudamore, 2-1 fav); 3, Gale's Image (R Dunwoody, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Kildimo (5th), 6 Villerstown (6th), 20 Knock Hill (4th). 6 ran. 3l, 3l, 1l, nk, dist. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £5.90; £3.00, £1.40. DF: £7.10. CSF: £10.57.

3.30 (3m hdle) 1, GARRISON SAVANNAH (M Pitman, 6-1); 2, Inde Pulse (J Osborne, 12-1); 3, Seaser Still (Mr P Fenton, 9-1). 4, Nocatchee (S Smith Eccles, 9-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Step Dinner, 14 Sir Crusty (f), Snowline Chap (5th), 16 Public Praise, Rogers Princess, The Hill (6th), 20 Dudley's Star (ur), It's A Pry, Kamsadoor, 25 Final Aime, Larry's Peach, Master Cone (f), Polish Scarlet Runner (pu), Trusty Friend, 50 Bonne Arme, 66 Karakar Reference, 100 Tulla Hills, Whisky Go Go (pu), Golden Bavard, Meryest. 25 ran. 4l, 2l, 2l, sh hd, nk. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £5.10; £1.40, £2.50, £3.00, £1.40. DF: £31.60. CSF: £75.15. Tricast: £514.02.
Jackpot: Not won.
Placepot: £8.70.

Devon & Exeter

Going: soft

12.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, QUEEN'S ANTHEM (M Jones, 14-1); 2, Rossland Boy (N Hawke, 33-1); 3, Godiva Bearings (S Moore, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Gulbum's Nephew (f), 11-4 Salcombe Harbour (4th), 15-2 Monkscombe (5th), 8 Cowden Cottage, 10 Mountain Run (ro), 14 Cativo (bd), 25 Friday Club, 33 Abbotsbury Abbot, Busrev, Jack The Hiker, Kericho, Pea Sal, Pop Song (bd), The Skirrid (pu), Never Satisfied (6th). 16 ran. Nk, 15l, 9l, 1¼l, 2½l. R Dickin at Newent. Tote: £17.70; £3.20, £21.60, £6.50. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £5.90. CSF: £381.01

1.15 (2m 1f ch) 1, HOPE COVE (N Hawke, 11-4 jf fav); 2, Nearly Medina (W Irvine, 11-4 jf fav); 3, Donna Farina (W Hayes, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Gay Grissella (5th), 16 Certainly Bess (ur), Maarifin (5th), Narcone (4th), 20 Rustica Silk, 33 Lucky Louise (ur), Misty's Star (pu). 10 ran. 15l, 3l, 4l, 4l, 8l. D Barons at Kingsbridge. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £4.00. CSF: £9.92. Tricast: £27.78.

1.48 (2m 1f hdle) 1, GIFTED NEPHEW (Mr A Tory, 15-2); 2, Fourth Protocol (R Millman, 14-1); 3, Pondered Bid (M Williams, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Gunner Stream (5th), 10 Trewithien, 12 Dovedi, 14 Goodwyns Lad (6th), 16 Ragtime Solo (pu), 20 Baby Come Home (4th), 25 Solent Knight (pu), 33 What's A Guinea, Culinary. 12 ran. 5l, 2l, 1l, nk, 15l. N Mitchell at Dorchester. Tote: £6.10; £1.80, £3.80, £3.60. DF: £34.10. CSF: £95.47. Tricast: £434.38.

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, DELIKUSHA (J Lower, 10-11 fav); 2, Mr Murdock (H Davies, 4-1); 3, Emma's Treasure (M Williams, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Lover's Secret (f), 10 Solent Sun (f), 14 Daring Comedy (f), 16 Fly Concorde (6th), La Marquesa, Back To Form (f), 20 Eye-opener (4th), King's Falcon (f), Mayfair Moss (f), Royal Lisa Lins (f), Dusky Nancy (5th). 14 ran. NR: Camping Out. 15l, 12l, 4l, 30l, 12l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £5.10. CSF: £9.82. Bought in for 1,100gns.

2.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, WOODGATE (L Harvey, 15-8 fav); 2, Pallon (B Powell, 11-2); 3, Ballio (P Nicholls, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Go Member (6th), 9-2 Non-Smoker (5th), 13-2 Claude Monet (4th), 20 Greta's Legacy (f). 7 ran. NR: Godfather's Gift. 11½l, 8l, 20l, 10l, 10l. T Forster at Letcombe Bassett. Tote: £3.70; £2.30, £3.00. DF: £7.60. CSF: £12.24. Tricast: £81.09.

3.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, UNA DONNA (R Boucher, 25-1); 2, Castorial (B Powell, 9-2 jt fav); 3, Lapiaffe (W Irvine, 5-1). 4, Trojan Song (D Morris, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt fav Noble Splash (5th), Sheer Elation, 7 Bok Head (6th), 9 Watersmeet Down, 14 Mr Moss, The Quietstan, 16 Bective Boy, San Ovac, 33 Drum Shen Bo (pu), Coraton Springs, Indian Pony (pu), Grand Celebration, Indian Sunrise. 17 ran. 6l, 4l, 8l, hd, nk. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £59.30; £8.50, £1.10, £2.40, £7.70. DF: £138.20. CSF: £139.18. Tricast: £714.28.
Placepot: not won.

Doncaster

Going: good to firm (ch); good (hdle)

12.45 (2m 150yd ch) 1, NONSTOP (S Turner, 4-1); 2, Stanjestic (A Charlton, 5-4 fav); 3, Dantes Tree (T White, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 66-40 Trafalgar Blue (4th). 4 ran. 2l, 4l, 12l. P O'Connor at Burton-on-Trent. Tote: £3.10. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3.87.

1.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, ES-PORT (T Morgan, 4-9 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Letteresse (B de Haan, 5-1); 3, Traumatic Laura (A Orkney, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Aldra Bond (4th), 16 Willis Run (pu), 33 Merrydale Farm (6th), Possible Ambition (pu), Shining Art (pu), Golden Samphire (5th). 9 ran. 30l, ¾l, 11¼l, 11½l, 3l. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.20, £5.20. DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.15.

1.55 (3m 122yd ch) 1, ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (G Bradley, 8-15 fav); 2, Padytsin (J A Harris, 33-1); 3, Water Cannon (C Hawkins, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Croghan Star (5th), 10 Ghostbuster (pu), 16 Dim Drums (4th). 6 ran. 12l, 7l, 1½l, 25l. D Murray-Smith at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £9.50. DF: £23.90. CSF: £13.44.

2.30 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, CREEAGER (S J O'Neill, 9-1); 2, Tiras Lad (T Morgan, 5-2 fav); 3, Lady Glen (N Doughty, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Austhorpe Sunset (4th), 5 Foot Patrol. 7 Far Too Rich (pu), 12 Mizzi, 16 High-River (6th), 20 Lontano, 25 Phils Pride (5th). 10 ran. NR: Fieldom. 2½l, 8l, ½l, 12l, 6l. J Wharton at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £2.30; £2.20, £1.20, £2.40. DF: £14.10. CSF: £31.45. Tricast: £257.51.

3.05 (2m 4f ch) 1, SPRITEBRAND (L Wyer, 13-8 fav); 2, Bright Interests (B de Haan, 15-8); 3, Jody's Boy (Mr S Swiers, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Barnfield Band (pu), 12 Sharp Song (4th). 5 ran. 30l, 8l, 5l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £1.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £4.64.

3.35 (3m 122yd hdle) 1, SMITHONIAN (P Niven, 12-1); 2, Leon (Ger Lyons, 7-1); 3, Miss Club Royal (J Hayes, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Proplus (4th), 6 Alcatraz (5th), 10 Dark Emperor, 14 Smith's Luck, 33 Knockan Boy (f), Welsh Guard (6th), Gay Mover (pu). 10 ran. 3l, ½l, ¼l, 20l, 5l. Mrs G Reveley at Sidburn. Tote: £10.50; £2.50, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £51.10. CSF: £90.31.
Placepot: £32.40.

Sheppard rules over American jumps scene

By John Dorman

If you want to find the American equivalent of Martin Pipe, look no further than Jonathan Sheppard. This Eton-educated, ex-patriot Englishman has virtually monopolized the American jumping scene for the past 25 years, having been champion trainer there on 16 occasions.

Today, Sheppard sends out Summer Colony and Double Bill in the Cheltenham leg of the Sport of Kings Challenge series. The horses were first and second respectively in the two American legs, and Sheppard will be looking to consolidate a winning position this afternoon.

Sheppard's strike rate in the current American season, which runs from October to March, is prodigious. From 146 runners, he has had 34 winners, 24 seconds and 22 thirds.

His prize-money total stands at $830,563, more than $500,000 ahead of his nearest rival. He has won two of America's top chases, the Colonial Cup and the Breeders' Cup Chase, with the former English-trained Jimmy Lorenzo, ridden in the latter event by Graham McCourt.

Sheppard is no stranger to Cheltenham. He came there last year with Flatterer — "the best horse I've ever trained" — to take on See You Then and gave the champion hurdler a cracking run for his money.

As part of his preparation for that event, he had a set of English hurdles shipped over to his yard in West Grove, Pennsylvania, and the same hurdles have been used in the training of today's two runners.

"I don't think the Cheltenham hurdles will be a problem," Sheppard said. "American hurdles definitely take a little more jumping. They're made of plastic in steel frames about three-foot high with a foam-rubber roll in front. They're probably more like French hurdles, and they aren't very forgiving."

Sheppard himself has an excellent racing pedigree. His father, Dan, was the Jockey Club's senior handicapper, and an uncle, Gay Sheppard, was for many years clerk of the course at Taunton.

Sheppard first went to the United States when he was 21 and rode in a few amateur races. He returned there full-time in 1963, and spent three seasons with that veteran American jumping trainer, Burly Cocks, before setting up his own yard.

"To begin with I had about six horses, plus a few point-to-pointers," he recalls. "Horses would come to me from friends of mine who were amateur riders, including George Strawbridge, who has horses over here with Ian Balding.

"I have 80 horses in the yard now, of which only a third are jumpers. But the American jumping scene is beginning to look up, with prize-money being increased, so we'll probably have more jumpers in the future."

Sheppard's two runners in today's Mercury Communications Hurdle arrived at Mrs Olive Jackson's Letcombe Bassett premises on Wednesday. After the first two legs of the series, at Nashville and Fair Hill, Summer Colony has 24 points from his two wins and Double Bill 16. Their nearest challenger, Nicky Henderson's Surf Board, has 10.

Under the terms of the series, Summer Colony stands to collect a $500,000 bonus if he wins the remaining two legs, the final one being at Leopardstown later this month. It will be the biggest single sum his trainer has ever earned, but Jonathan Sheppard remains cautious.

"I never like to get too optimistic," he said, "but we do think that Summer Colony is an above-average young horse. It will be interesting to see how he measures up against some of the best young English hurdlers."



Jonathan Sheppard: 16 times American champion

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No15: LINGFIELD PARK

THE GOOD RACECOURSE GUIDE

Lingfield Park lies in unspoiled countryside in the heart of the Surrey commuter belt. Noel Coward included it in his list of things which had style.

The beautiful scenery has not changed over the years but the make-up of the crowds has altered. There used to exist a definable Lingfield set. They dressed smartly, the women wore expensive hats, and everyone seemed to know each other. Now, only the background remains: the paddock with two beautiful trees at one end, the shaded lawns.

Last summer, particularly on Saturday evenings, the paddock area was so full of picnickers it almost resembled an airport departure lounge. The difference was that everyone was enjoying it. It is fruitless to resent what Lingfield has become, i.e. a fairground with horseracing. If it had not broadened its appeal in the Seventies, it would have shut down. The paddock would now be covered with estate agents' signs.

Ladbrokes rescued it from closure and lured a new kind of punter through the turnstiles with special offers and gimmicky promotions. When they in turn sold the course to Ron Meddle, an abrasive but energetic property developer, the package holiday philosophy was taken up in earnest.

Lingfield positively seethes with people in the summer and stages vastly more competitive racing, both on the Flat and over jumps, than was the case 10 years ago.

Meddle sold this flourishing enterprise to Leisure Investments in the summer. The new owners, whose other interests include casinos, hope to build an all-weather track and erect a new grandstand. The existing one cannot cope with the crowds and is too low for good viewing.

Thanks to Meddle's enterprise, Lingfield has more eating and drinking areas than any other medium-sized course. A barbecue next to the paddock cloaks spectators in smoke but does good trade. Private boxes and hospitality suites, where raucous office parties are conducted, exist seemingly everywhere.

There is a modern hotel made of spanking new brick which clashes with the grandstand and a surprisingly good 18-hole golf course. Back on the racecourse, there is a brasserie/cocktail bar called All That Jazz. Everything is geared to leisure and entertainment. Noel Coward would tremble.

Since the drainage problems were ironed out, the going at Lingfield has improved radically. The big race is the Calor Derby Trial. Lingfield is technically similar to Epsom and this is one of the most informative of the many Derby trials. Kahyasi (1988) and Slip Anchor (1985) both won it on their way to Derby glory.

On the jumping side, the fences are among the best in the country with privet hedge wings. Trainers often introduce their best novices at Lingfield.

The track is not quite so popular with owners. The allotment of free badges was less than generous under Meddle's reign, a maximum of two per horse, even if it had 12 owners. Leisure Investments intend to be less niggardly but Lingfield's reputation among owners will not recover overnight.

Also, the gatemen are rader here than anywhere else, and that includes Ascot where, though the officials are strict, they do not descend to truculence.

Lingfield is exceptionally well-served by rail, the station being a short walk through woods from the track. These trees took a terrible toll in last year's storm but, fortunately, those in the paddock survived.

When its fortunes slumped, prior to the Ladbrokes takeover, Lingfield could be very forlorn in mid-week with only a handful of paying customers bothering to attend. For this reason, one is inclined to welcome its massive popularity now.

But there are drawbacks. There were a number of fights last year and, on one occasion, a pitched battle in the coach-park. After this, Meddle stepped up security and the problem had receded by the end of the summer. But if it returns next summer, the family-day-out punters will vanish as suddenly as they arrived.

ALL THE DETAILS

ROAD TRAVEL: The course is easily reached from London (22 miles away) via the M23 and A22. The M23 is connected to the M25.

RAIL TRAVEL: The station is next to the course. Trains leave Victoria for Lingfield at 10.50 (change at East Croydon) and 11.36, arriving at 11.51 and 12.21 respectively. Return fares are £4.30 second class, £12.00 first-class.

ADMISSION: Members £8, Tattersalls £5. There is no Silver Ring. Accompanied children under 16 are admitted free to Tattersalls, or for £2 to Members. Pensioners are admitted to Tattersalls for £3.50. Annual membership for 1988-90 will be £100 and junior membership £50.

PARKING: Members £2, otherwise free.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS: Shirts must be worn at all times. No jeans or T-shirts in Members.

HOSPITALITY: A large selection of boxes (12-60 guests) and rooms (up to 500 guests).

INQUIRIES: Club Secretary, Lingfield Park, Racecourse Road, Lingfield, Surrey. Tel: (0342) 834966.

BIG-RACE DATES: Envopak Handicap Chase (today); Bic Gold Cup Steeplechase, March 18; Calor Derby Trial, Marley Roof Tile Oaks Trial, May 13; *Daily Mail* Leisure Stakes, June 3.

Rating

One jockey's cap denotes Awful; two, Bearable; three, Average; four, Very good; five, Excellent.

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In-form Beau Ranger ready to keep the Pipe bandwagon rolling

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Having won the main race of the day for the past two Saturdays, the extraordinarily successful partnership of Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore now look poised to repeat the performance at Cheltenham today with **Beau Ranger** in the A F Budge Gold Cup.

The chestnut 10-year-old alredy has three victories over the course and distance to his credit, including the Mackeson Gold Cup last season.

Following that hugely-impressive performance on *his seasonal debut at Haydock* Park 17 days ago, when he made all the running to score by six lengths, it would be a bold person to suggest that he could not win again today, even with 12 stone on his back.

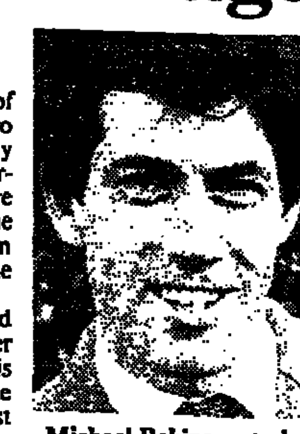
It is perfectly possible to argue that the handicapper has given Tickite Boo a first-rate chance of beating him for he has allowed him 25lb for that 15 lengths drubbing in last season's Mackeson.

Yet it is also pertinent to point out that Tickitie Boo failed to cut much of a dash in the *Edward Hanmer Memorial* Handicap, won by Beau Ranger last month.

In the circumstances, Comeragh King, who is owned by the race sponsor, may prove to be more of a threat. For he was still in this year's Mackeson with a chance before falling three fences from the finish.

That race eventually went to Pegwell Bay, who beat Dudie by 10 lengths. With only 10st 13lb to carry this afternoon, Pegwell Bay seems bound to give a good account of himself again.

Having failed to win the Hennessy Gold Cup a fortnight ago with Handy Trick, Bishop Auckland trainer Arthur Stephenson may well suffer the same fate again, this time with Stay On Tracks who may not be quite experienced enough yet for this sort of contest.



Michael Robinson: trainer of promising chaser Slalom

Worthy Night, a winner over the course and distance in October, must carry 7lb more than his allotted weight.

Earlier in the day, the champion hurdler **Celtic Shot** should not be too hard pressed to beat Floyd and the other five runners in the Charles Heidsieck Champagne Bula Hurdle.

He could easily become the second leg of a treble for Scudamore, who can begin the meeting on a brifht note by winning the A F Budge Novices' Hurdle on the promising **Bruton Street**, who was pulled up last time out by Scudamore because he felt that he had gone lame. That turned out not to be the case.

The task of landing today's nap, though, is entrusted to John White aboard the very promising young jumper **Slalom** in the Charterhouse Mercantile Leisure Novices' Chase.

Useful that both Brown Windsor and Nos Na Gaoithe clearly are, they should not be up to coping with Slalom, who made such a pleasing debut at Haydock beating Bigsun.

The presence of overseas runners in the field for the Mercury Communications Hurdle is a direct result of the Sport of Kings Challenge which entails getting points from two races run in the United States, today's *race* and a fourth, to be run in Ireland next month.

So far an American horse, Summer Colony, leads. He is rated highly by his trainer, *Jonathan Sheppard*, who sent Flatterer over two seasons ago to finish second in the Champion Hurdle.

In this instance **Summer Colony**, who is clearly a classy individual, could have the most to fear from Mole Board, who may well turn out to be Champion Hurdle material.

Elsewhere, I expect **Private Views** to pick up the winning thread after his summer's rest in the Arlington Premier Chase Qualifier at Lingfield where **Aquilifer** (1.45), **Fleet Commander** (2.15) and **Nick The Brief** (2.45) all look good bets, the last named particularly so after that good win at Nottingham a week ago.

At Doncaster, **High Edge Grey** can atone for his lapse in the Hennessy by beating Mr Frisk, who eventually finished third in the Newbury race, in the Sheila's Cottage Handicap Chase. I also expect the classy **Nohalmdun** to be capable of outpacing Biloxi Blues and Canford Palm in the Freebooter Novices' Chase there.

Finally, **Echo Sounder** (2.15) and **Fiddlers Three** (2.45) can give Tim Forster and Luke Harvey cause for celebration at Towcester.

Rowlandsons Jewels a Sun Alliance prospect

Rowlandsons Jewels, considered unlucky in his last two outings when falling at Newton Abbot and Plumpton, swept back to ***form to land the Merryman II*** **Novices Chase by 12 lengths from 33-1 outsider Padykin at Doncaster yesterday.**

Graham Bradley was always going easily on the 15-8 on winner and after tracking early leaders, Croghan Star, Dim Drums and then Water Cannon, pulled his mount into the lead three out to win easily.

His trainer, David Murray-Smith, explained that in his last outing at Plumpton he was going like a winner when disturbed by a photographer.

"I think he is the sort for the ***Sun Alliance Chase*** **at Cheltenham and he should also go well in a good-class novice chase at Liverpool," said the trainer, who is enjoying an excellent strike rate of 16 winners from 36 runners this season.**

Es-Port, trained by John Edwards, emerged as a possible for the Triumph Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival meeting, when romping home by 30 lengths from Letteressie

Moore wins an injunction

Gary Moore yesterday won an interim High Court injunction to stop the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club (RHKJC) from carrying out disciplinary proceedings against him next week.

The RHKJC inquiry, due to start on Monday, was into allegations of breaches of racing rules by Moore, formerly the leading jockey in Hong Kong.

Moore, now living in Paris, filed a writ on *November 21* seeking a High Court injunction to stop the RHKJC from pressing ahead with its announced actions against him. A full hearing of the case is now scheduled for March 6.

The RHKJC has said that the action against the 36-year-old Australian was being taken after the jockey forfeited immunity earlier granted to him by the RHKJC in return for his evidence at a trial into alleged race-fixing.

In May, Moore appeared as a witness in the trial of three former local jockeys and two businessmen. The trial was not completed and Moore subsequently informed the RHKJC that, for personal reasons, he had decided not to return for the re-trial, which is rescheduled for January 30.

Moore believes he fully complied with the terms of his agreement with the RHKJC concerning the trial and last month issued a statement which said: "I have been advised by my solicitors that, having given evidence at the trial (and notwithstanding its subsequent collapse), I have no further obligation to the RHKJC." However, the RHKJC is of the opinion that he has broken their pact.

The RHKJC has charged Moore with more than 70 offences of the local rules of racing. If found guilty, Moore would incur heavy fines and possible long-term disqualifications which would be applicable worldwide.

CHELTENHAM

Selections
By Mandarin

12.10 Bruton Street. 12.45 SLALOM (nap). 1.20 Celtic Shot. 1.55 Beau Ranger. 2.30 Tarn. 3.00 Summer Colony. 3.35 Celtic Bob.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.55 Tickite Boo.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.10 DECIDED.

Going: good

12.10 A F BUDGE NOVICES HURDLE (£5,010: 2m) (18 runners)

101 233-113 DECIDED 14 (D,F) (R Green) O Sherwood 5-11-3 B Powell ● 99
102 2/2-1 GREEN WILLOW 43 (D,S) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 6-11-3 Peter Hobbs 77
103 020-212 LALITPOUR 14 (D,F) (E Kelly) J Jenkins 4-11-3 D Murphy 87
104 21 WISHLON 14 (D,G) (Miss D Smyth) R Smyth 5-11-3 M Dwyer 82
105 26-1P BRUTON STREET 14 (D,BF,S) (R E A Bott Ltd) C Brooks 6-11-0 P Scudamore 79
106 6-053 CAT ISLAND 22 (F Starr) R Bennett 5-11-0 J Duggan 50
107 0/11F EARL HANSEL 10 (D,F,S) (Mrs L Wilson) R Frost 7-11-0 J Frost 74
108 0-5 FIRST DIVISION 14 (A F Budge Ltd) S Christian 5-11-0 J Osborne —
109 0 FLASH FLOOD 10 (Mrs L O'Neill) O O'Neill 5-11-0 V Slattery (7) —
110 FULL HEARTED 36F (V Chandler) W Musson 4-11-0 K Townsend —
111 F GELOS 14 (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 4-11-0 I Lawrence (7) —
112 30- HOLTERMANN 35F (A Moralee) D Elsworth 4-11-0 R Arnott 75
113 1 ON TENTERHOOKS 14 (D,S) (P Green) M H Easterby 5-11-0 L Wyer 81
114 44520-0 PRISCILLIAN 14 (H Mould) D Nicholson 4-11-0 D Evans (7) 71
115 401-656 ST COLEMAN'S WELL 12 (D,F) (M Lawton) John Crowley (Ire) 5-11-0 C Swan —
116 *30-2331 TRIBUTE TO YOUTH 16 (D,G) (T Green) D Nicholson 4-11-0* R Dunwoody 70
117 5F-0 UNCLE ELI 14 (R Tory) D Nicholson 5-11-0 J White 61
118 4-11 GREENHILLS JOY 7 (D,F,S) (L Audus) M Ryan 5-10-12 J McLaughlin 84

BETTING: 11-4 Decided, 4-1 Greenhills Joy, 13-2 Green Willow, 8-1 Wishlon, Bruton Street, 12-1 Lalitpour, 16-1 Earl Hansel, On Tenterhooks, Tribute To Youth, 20-1 others.

1987: BUTT AND BEN 3-11-0 R Chapman (12-1) F Walwyn 5 ran

***12.45 CHARTERHOUSE MERCANTILE LEISURE NOVICES STEEPLE* CHASE (Listed race: £7,635: 2m 4f) (8 runners)** BBC 1

201 0104-12 BROWN WINDSOR 14 (D,F,G,S) (W Shand Kydd) N Henderson 6-11-10 M Bowlby 96
202 1/F00-12 JUST THIS ONCE 7 (G) (Mrs J Robshaw) D Barons 7-11-10 P Nicholls 83
203 11432-1 SLALOM 17 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Russell) M Robinson 7-11-10 J White ● 99
204 3-B13F6 MWEENISH 30 (D,BF,G) (P Thompson) J Webber 6-11-6 G Mernagh 68
205 22402-2 ZUKO 16 (S) (S Powell) S Mellor 7-11-6 G Charles-Jones 77
206 *040-1F5 DAWN PRINCE 32 (CD,F) (Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) P Hobbs 5-11-5 Peter Hobbs* —
207 1-23 FIVE CORNERS 28 (BF,S) (H Joel) D Nicholson 5-11-5 R Dunwoody —
208 610-212 NOS NA GAOITHE 14 (V,BF,S) (P Green) M H Easterby 5-11-5 L Wyer 87

BETTING: 9-4 Nos Na Gaoithe, 5-2 Slalom, 9-2 Brown Windsor, 10-1 Five Corners, 12-1 Just This Once, 14-1 Zuko, 16-1 Mweenish, 20-1 Dawn Prince.

1987: PRIVATE VIEWS 6-11-10 B Powell (8-13 fav) N Gaselee 4 ran

FORM BROWN WINDSOR met a useful novice *when beaten 2½l by Sir Blake at* Newbury (2m 4f, good) last time; had earlier impressed when accounting for Belfalas Lad by 8l at Newbury (2m 4f, good to firm). JUST THIS ONCE was 8l 2nd to Golden Freeze at Chepstow (2m 4f, soft) last week after previously defeating Grey Tornado by 15l at Devon (2m 1f, good).
SLALOM, not a fluent jumper in Ireland two seasons *ago, fenced well when beating the fair Bigsun ¾l at* Haydock (3m, good to soft). An interesting prospect. NOS NA GAOITHE was caught close home when beaten 1l by Cool Strike at Newcastle (2m 4f, good to soft) last time; had previously beaten that rival by 1¾l at Ayr (2m, good to soft). Not certain to stay.
Selection: SLALOM

1.20 *CHARLES HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE BULA HURDLE* (Feature race: £13,336: 2m) (8 runners) BBC 1

301 1121F-1 CELTIC SHOT 19 (CD,G,S) (D Horton) C Brooks 6-11-10 P Scudamore ● 99
302 020-111 FLOYD 28 (CD,F,G,S) (M Walsh) D Elsworth 8-11-10 B Powell 95
303 3201-2F PAT'S JESTER 26 (CD,G,S) (R P Adam Ltd) R Allan 5-11-6 B Storey 89
304 26369-4 BEECH ROAD 11 (C,G,S) (T Geake) G Balding 6-11-2 Richard Guest 89
305 *1241/1- CONDOR PAN 473 (D,F,S) (Comtesse Antoine De Laubespin) J Bolger 5-11-2* C Swan —
306 F/01PP-P LINFAST 50 (B,CD,S) (E Lodge) J Parrett 6-11-2 B Dowling 71
307 31321-6 MERRY JUNIOR 45 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Scott) E Owen jun 5-11-2 Peter Hobbs 82
308 2012-30 SPROWSTON BOY 7 (D,G,S) (G Whaing) P Kelleway 5-11-2 R Dunwoody 96

BETTING: 8-13 Celtic Shot, 11-4 Floyd, 8-1 Pat's Jester, 10-1 Condor Pan, 14-1 Sprowston Boy, 20-1 Merry Junior, Beech Road, 100-1 Linfast.

1987: PAT'S JESTER 4-11-2 P Niven (11-2) R Allan 8 ran

FORM CELTIC SHOT made a satisfactory reappearance when beating Nebris 4l at Leicester (2m, good) and is likely to be sharper today. Won last season's Champion Hurdle over course and distance (soft) by 4l from Classical Charm with FLOYD (same terms) 8th and PAT'S JESTER (4lb better off) farther behind; had earlier comfortably defeated BEECH ROAD (8lb better off) by 6l at Windsor (2m 30yd, good to soft). FLOYD has found a new lease of life this term, last time staying on gamely to beat Champion Hurdle 3rd Celtic Chief ½l at Newcastle (2m, good), with SPROWSTON BOY (2lb better off) 4l in 3rd and PAT'S JESTER an early faller. PAT'S JESTER earlier 1½l 2nd to Ciffalda at Newcastle (2m, good) with MERRY JUNIOR (2lb worse off) a distant 6th. CONDOR PAN has not run since beating Sierra Baron (rec 8lb) 6l in a Tralee handicap hurdle (2m 1f, good to firm) *in August 1987.*
Selection: CELTIC SHOT

1.55 A F BUDGE GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race: £18,600: 2m 4f) (10 runners) BBC 1

401 14131-1 BEAU RANGER 17 (CD,F,G,S) (White Bros Ltd) M Pipe 10-12-0 P Scudamore 95
402 FB1/13-6 TICKITE BOO 17 (D,F,G,S) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-0 R Dunwoody 90
403 U312-11 PEGWELL BAY 28 (CD,F,G) (Major A Barlow) T Forster 7-10-13 B Powell ● 99
404 2P3-20B BISHOPS YARN 17 (CD,G,S) (Brash Thoroughbred Plc) G Balding 9-10-11 Richard Guest 98
405 *1/14/05- OREGON TRAIL 234 (CD,F,G,S) (W Ponsonby) S Christian 8-10-2* J Osborne —
406 11331-F COMERAGH KING 28 (D,F,G,S) (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-10-2 M Dwyer 92
407 2123-11 STAY ON TRACKS 22 (D,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-10-0 A Merrigan 93
408 FP2111- DUNKIRK 238 (D,G,S) (J Hartnett) M Francis 12-10-0 Peter Hobbs 92
409 112-211 WORTHY KNIGHT 35 (CD,F,G,S) (T Ounsley) B McLean 7-10-0 B McLean 90
410 2-36050 GEE-A 7 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-10-0 — 80

Long handicap: Dunkirk 9-13, Worthy Knight 9-7, Gee-A 9-1.

BETTING: 5-2 Beau Ranger, 5-1 Pegwell Bay, 6-1 Tickite Boo, 7-1 Comeragh King, Stay On Tracks, 10-1 Worthy Knight, 12-1 Oregon Trail, 20-1 Bishops Yarn, 25-1 Dunkirk, 33-1 Gee-A.

1987: BISHOPS YARN 8-10-7 Richard Guest (100-30) G Balding 5 ran

FORM BEAU RANGER was a high-class performer last term when he won twice over this course and distance and was a 16l 3rd to Charter Party in the Gold Cup; impressed on his seasonal debut when making all to beat Smart *Tar (rec 20lb) by 6l at Haydock (3m, good to soft)* with TICKITE BOO, who seemed not to stay, a distant 6th and BISHOPS YARN, the winner of this race last year, brought down.
PEGWELL BAY was a convincing 10l winner from Dudie in the Mackeson over course and distance last time (good to firm) with BISHOPS YARN (10lb better off) 12l 8th, GEE-A (10lb better off) 10th and COMERAGH KING (10lb better off) a faller three out when going well. COMERAGH KING gained some convincing victories last term, notably a 20l defeat of Newlife Connection at Wetherby (2m 4f 100yd, good to soft).
STAY ON TRACKS was a leading novice last term, easily beat Rinus 8l at Ayr (2m 4f, good to soft) and, although his trainer has expressed concern about his inexperience in this grade, he looks the type to make a smart handicapper. DUNKIRK is flattered by his 30l defeat of PEGWELL BAY in heavy going at Newbury (3m 4f), but WORTHY KNIGHT impressed when beating Ace Of Spies, twice a winner since, 8l over course and distance (good to firm) in October; later accounted for Duke Of Milan in a match at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, good to firm).
Selection: BEAU RANGER

2.30 GEORGE STEVENS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,347: 2m) (6 runners)

501 114-11R VODKATINI 7 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Dick Richardson Racing Ltd) J Gifford 9-11-10 Peter Hobbs 95
502 1P5-541 COTTAGE RUN 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 8-11-3 R Dunwoody 92
503 11F32/ HAZY SUNSET 565 (D,F,G,S) (C Cronin Ltd) C Brooks 11-10-6 P Scudamore —
504 4P122-1 HYPNOSIS 16 (D,F,G,S) (Major G Snell) D Elsworth 9-10-1 B Powell 93
505 2568-11 TARN 29 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs T Holt) N Gaselee 10-10-1 J Osborne ● 99
506 13F-U02 HARLEY STREET MAN 14 (D,F,G,S) (J Powal) C Jackson 7-10-0 J Bryan 83

Long handicap: Harley Street Man 9-1.

BETTING: 2-1 Vodkatini, 11-4 Tarn, 4-1 Hypnosis, 11-2 Cottage Run, 8-1 Hazy Sunset.

1987: COTTAGE RUN 7-11-12 S Sherwood (5-4 fav) D Nicholson 5 ran

3.0 MERCURY COMMUNICATIONS HURDLE (£16,785: 2m 4f) (13 runners) BBC 1

601 01-1102 ABBREVIATION 35 (C,D,F,G) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs 75
602 014-405 DOM EDINO 7 (D,G,S) (C Holder) M Avison 5-11-0 B Storey 72
603 232-122 DOUBLE BILL 21 (F) (F Loving) J Sheppard (US) 5-11-0 — 92
604 403132 GRAND NUDGE 13 (D Samuel) T Pratt (US) 5-11-0 — 88
605 345045 IFEEL LIKE A SNAKE 21 (Mrs J Burke) C Burke (US) 7-11-0 Miss B Burke —
606 4-50356 LITTLE TORO 22 (CD,F,S) (J Bishop) G Balding 6-11-0 P Scudamore 81
607 1F1110- MOLE BOARD 269 (CD,BF,F,S) (R Macauley) O O'Neill 6-11-0 S Cowley ● 99
608 111-111 SUMMER COLONY 21 (D,F) (Augustin Stables) J Sheppard (US) 5-11-0 J Smart 97
609 220-402 COMBERMERE 7 (D,G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 4-10-11 J Frost 90
610 1106-53 SURF BOARD 21 (G,S) (Duke of Roxburghe) N Henderson 4-10-11 J White 78
611 138245-0 WAHIBA 57 (G) (J Brown) R Holder 4-10-11 N Coleman 96
612 12-P124 WOOD CHISEL 21 (F) (Steeple Way Stables) F Raquet (US) 4-10-11 J Osborne 73
613 030-33D LUCKY BALOO 10 (D,BF,S) (M Davitt) D Swan (Ire) 6-10-9 C Swan 86

BETTING: 100-30 Surf Board, 4-1 Summer Colony, 6-1 Mole Board, 15-2 Double Bill, 8-1 Combermere.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM SUMMER COLONY, considered potentially as good as the high-class Flatterer, can retain his unbeaten record; impressive on penultimate start (Tennessee, 2m 4f, firm), beating DOUBLE BILL 5l with GRAND NUDGE another 4l 3rd, and SURF BOARD (5th), IFEEL LIKE A SNAKE (7th), COMBERMERE (9th), DOM EDINO (10th) and WAHIBA (12th) farther behind. DOUBLE BILL has since run him to 1l but he, like SURF BOARD, an 8l 3rd, looks held.
MOLE BOARD, who reportedly pulled a back muscle when disappointing at the festival, would have a clear chance at his best; previously beat Nohalmdun 4l at Haydock (2m, good to soft) and looks the best of the home team.
Selection: SUMMER COLONY

3.35 NEWENT HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,817: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1 4F22-63 SUNBIA 21 (D,G,S) (Mrs G Armitage) D Lee 7-11-10 L Wyer 93
2 10445-1 ADMIRALS ALL 24 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H Ryan Price) C Brooks 5-11-6 P Scudamore 94
3 031F4/5- MARETH LINE 250 (S) (Mrs A Farrant) M Pipe 5-11-2 L Kelp —
4 21P0/5F POLAR BEAR 16 (S) (Miss C McCulloch) O Sherwood 8-11-1 M Dwyer 90
5 000131/ STRAY SHOT 563 (F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 10-10-12 P Nicholls —
6 112123- LEADING ROLE 207 (S) (Miss H Bagrove) M Pipe 4-10-10 J Lower 95
7 20-0220 LYPHENTO 21 (S) (R Gilder) J Gifford 4-10-9 Peter Hobbs 97
8 1P631- WESTERN DANDY 234 (C,F,S) (Mrs D Fletcher) N Gaselee 5-10-7 R Dunwoody 91
9 135-531 CELTIC BOB 8 (F,S) (Mrs C Cooper) O O'Neill 8-10-5 V Slattery ● 99
10 1313-62 BLANTON RESERVE 16 (C,F,S) (J Collins) N Henderson 4-10-5 J Osborne 98
11 214182- ESHA NESS 263 (G,S) (Dubenscam Racing Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-2 M Bowlby 97

BETTING: 3-1 Admirals All, 4-1 Blanton Reserve, 13-2 Leading Role, 15-2 Polar Bear, 10-1 Celtic Bob, 12-1 Sunbia, 14-1 Stray Shot, Lyphento, 16-1 others.

1987: ADMIRALS ALL 4-10-1 B Powell (12-1) F Winter 10 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Jenkins	11	50	22.0	P Scudamore	34	189	18.0
O Sherwood	12	63	19.0	R Guest	4	23	17.4
N Gaselee	9	48	18.8	M Bowlby	4	23	17.4
S Mellor	9	48	18.8	J Bryan	3	21	14.3
S Christian	6	33	18.2	Peter Hobbs	5	42	11.9
M Pipe	17	94	*18.1*	B Dowling	4	35	11.4

(Not including yesterday's results)

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections
By Mandarin

12.40 Private Views. 1.10 Peer Prince. 1.45 Aquilifer. 2.15 Fleet Commander. 2.45 Nick The Brief. 3.15 Prince Satire.

By Michael Seely

2.15 FLEET COMMANDER (*nap*). 2.45 Nick The Brief.

Going: good (chase); good to soft (hurdles)

12.40 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,872: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1 112- HALF BROTHER 249 (D,BF,S) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-8 M Pitman
2 211- PRIVATE VIEWS 234 (D,F,G,S) N Gaselee 7-11-8 K Mooney
3 211- BASILEA 286 (S) T Forster 5-11-3 Mr M Armytage
4 0-0F HASTY GAMBLE 29 (F,S) A Moore 8-11-3 G Moore
5 030- JUVEN LIGHT 270 (C,D,S) R Akehurst 7-11-3 S Smith Eccles
6 5P-4 MACROOM 9 (C,S) S Mellor 8-11-3 G Landau
7 205P RHODE ISLAND RED 10 (F,S) A Moore 5-11-3 W Morris

4-7 Private Views, 100-30 Half Brother, 6-1 Juven Light, 16-1 Basilea, 25-1 Macroom, 33-1 others.

1.10 G C ENGINEERING SUMMIT JUNIOR HURDLE (3-Y-O: £6,076: 2m) (15)

1 5310 BRAVO STAR 15 (B,D,BF,F) P Mitchell 11-3 D Gallagher
2 112 PEER PRINCE 21 (D,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 11-3 S Smith Eccles
3 00 CARFAX 37 R Hoad 11-0 M Hoad (7)
4 DAILY SPORT SOON 35F J Jenkins 11-0 H Davies
5 0 GULF PALACE 8 R Akehurst 11-0 G Landau
6 5 HORATIAN 17 R Smyth 11-0 K Mooney
7 MAGNUS PYM 54F D Elsworth 11-0 G Bradley
8 RED HACKLE 60F A Turnell 11-0 —
9 1 SANTELLA BOBKES 15 (D,G) G Harwood 11-0 M Perrett
10 0 SNO PROBLEM 12 R Boss 11-0 S Keightley
11 66 ST LOUIS BLUES 17 R Curtis 11-0 R Goldstein
12 5 TAKE ISSUE 8 J Sutcliffe 11-0 Dale McKeown
13 214 VIKING VENTURE 8 (D,G) D Wilson 11-0 T Morgan
14 2213 OUBLIER L'ENNUI 21 (D,F) Miss B Sanders 10-9 I Shoemark
15 TINA'S SONG 36F P Howling 10-9 M Furlong

7-4 Magnus Pym, 9-4 Santella Bobkes, 5-1 Peer Prince, 7-1 Oublier L'Ennui, 8-1 Take Issue, 12-1 others.

1.45 ENVOPAK HANDICAP CHASE (£10,197: 3m) (10)

1 23-F BOB TISDALL 17 (C,D,S) J Edwards 9-11-10 T Morgan
2 10-2 AQUILIFER 7 (D,S) D Murray-Smith 8-11-9 G Bradley
3 62-3 WESTERN SUNSET 43 (C,D,G,S) T Forster 12-11-9 H Davies
4 -302 SMART TAR 17 (F,S) M Wilkinson 7-11-5 M Lynch
5 4/5- I HAVENTALIGHT 414 (B,CD,F,G,S) C Brooks 9-11-6 K Mooney
6 1F-4 SACRED PATH 16 (CD,G,S) O Sherwood 8-11-5 C Cox
7 *3-FF YEOMAN BROKER 29 (G,S) J Gifford 7-11-1* E Murphy
8 2-45 SALEHURST 21 (C,G,S) G Balding 8-10-0 S Moore
9 *1431 EDENSPRING 17 (D,F,G,S)* R Curtis 9-10-0 R Goldstein
10 FP-0 SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT 4 (C,G,S) Miss L Bower 12-10-0 R Rowell

7-2 Bob Tisdall, 4-1 Aquilifer, 9-2 Smart Tar, 6-1 Western Sunset, 8-1 Sacred Path, 10-1 Edenspring, 12-1 others.

2.15 TIOXIDE GROUP HURDLE (Handicap: £4,698: 2m) (11)

1 3212 SOUTH PARADE 7 (CD,F,S) G Balding 4-11-10 G Bradley
2 P-24 INTUITION 7 (CD,S) R Akehurst 8-11-4 Dale McKeown
3 11-1 BOLD KING'S HUSSAR 16 (CD,G,S) Mrs S Armytage 5-10-13 Gee Armytage
4 123/ FEDERAL TROOPER 725 (D,BF,F,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-13 M Pitman
5 /034 TELETRADER 16 (D,BF,F,G) R Hodges 7-10-8 H Davies
6 80-1 FLEET COMMANDER 11 (D,F,S) O Sherwood 5-10-6 M Richards
7 68-5 IMPERIAL BRUSH 35 (D,S) D Elsworth 4-10-3 P Holley (7)
8 21-1 THE YOMPER 21 (D,G,S) R Curtis 6-10-2 R Goldstein
9 64-0 SEA PENNANT 7 (CD,F,S) I Jones 12-10-0 W Irvine (4)
10 110- BADIHAR 212F (D,G,S) D Murray-Smith 4-10-0 A Mulholland (4)
11 60/0 AIRBORNE DEAL 8 (CD,S) A Moore 9-10-0 G Moore

5-2 South Parade, 4-1 Fleet Commander, 5-1 Intuition, 6-1 Bold King's Hussar, 8-1 Badihar, 10-1 others.

2.45 FRANCOTYP NOVICES CHASE (£5,998: 3m) (10)

1 2124 DINNY WALSH 16 (BF,F,G,S) J Edwards 7-11-4 T Morgan
2 2-U1 NICK THE BRIEF 7 (G,S) J Costello 6-11-4 Mr T Costello
3 0-0U ANOTHER TROUP 14 R Townsend 6-11-0 Mr D Townsend
4 380- COUNT FREDERICK 283 (F) S Dow 8-11-0 J Duggan
5 11-2 ENVOPAK TOKEN 14 (F,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-0 E Murphy
6 00-2 IRON BILLY 8 (G) D Elsworth 9-11-0 G Bradley
7 2-48 KODIAK ISLAND 8 (B,BF,S) O Sherwood 6-11-0 M Richards
8 8-32 MOUNTAICO 23 C Weedon 6-11-0 A Jones
9 2F-2 ON REFLECTION 15 K Bailey 6-11-0 M Lynch
10 0 GINGER DIP 48 Miss N Barry 6-10-9 Mrs N Ledger

6-4 Nick The Brief, 7-2 Kodiak Island, 5-1 Envopak Token, 6-1 Iron Billy, 8-1 Dinny Walsh, 14-1 others.

3.15 PRESMAN NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,847: 2m) (21)

1 /0-4 PRINCE SATIRE 7 R Akehurst 5-11-11 Dale McKeown
2 /0-1 GOOD TONIC 40 (D,S) T Etherington 5-11-9 T Morgan
3 20-0 CRYSTAL SONG 8 J Jenkins 5-11-8 S Smith Eccles
4 235- LA SHAKA 291 A Moore 5-11-4 Candy Morris (4)
5 -62P AL HASHIMI 10 A Moore 4-11-2 G Moore
6 000/ RUM 759 (G) J Gifford 8-11-1 E Murphy
7 -145 OTHET 103 (D,F) M Usher 4-11-1 Lorna Vincent
8 1451 WE'RE IN THE MONEY 7 (V,G) G Roe 4-11-1 NON RUNNER
9 230- THORNFIELD 270 (BF) R Akehurst 4-10-13 I Shoemark (4)
10 465 COUNT TREVISIO 9 P Howling 4-10-12 M Perrett
11 25P/ LINER 668 P Butler 7-10-12 —
12 /P-0 GIBBOUS MOON 39 D Elsworth 6-10-11 P Holley (7)
13 0-00 FLUTEAU 21 (B) S Mellor 4-10-5 G Landau
14 0113 SILVER CANNON 17 (D,F,G) R Voorspuy 6-10-5 M Furlong
15 0P0- JUSTTHEWAYYOUARE 252 R Curtis 5-10-1 R Goldstein
16 PU-0 MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN 14 R Hannon 7-10-1 S Moore
17 0483 OUTCAST 46 A Moore 4-10-0 W Morris
18 -0P0 COMEDY SAIL 9 S Dow 4-10-0 C Cox
19 *000/ ABIGAIL'S GEM 587 R Curtis 5-10-0* D Morris
20 0524 FORT WAPPING 3 (B) A Moore 4-10-0 J Clarke (7)
21 P0-0 CHANTRY BOY 9 W Holden 4-10-0 S Keightley

11-4 Prince Satire, 100-30 Good Tonic, 6-1 Silver Cannon, Mount Tumbledown, 13-2 Gibbous Moon, 8-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Murray Smith, 4 winners from 7 runners, 57.1%; N Gaselee, *8 from 24, 33.3%; J Edwards, 3 from 12, 25.0%;* J Gifford, 17 from 84, 20.2%; G Balding, 6 from 32, 18.8%; R Akehurst, 7 from 41, 17.1%.

JOCKEYS: K Mooney, 4 from 13, 30.8%; M Pitman, 3 from 12, 25.0%; S Smith Eccles, 6 from 34, 17.6%; G Landau, 3 from 20, 15.0%; Dale McKeown, 3 from 24, 12.5%; Candy Morris, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

TOWCESTER

Selections
By Mandarin

12.45 My Pilot. 1.15 Southern Reaper. 1.45 Winter Term. 2.15 Echo Sounder. 2.45 Fiddlers Three. 3.15 Dianes Destiny.

Going: good

12.45 LONGWATER NOVICES HURDLE (£680: 2m 5f 26yd) (17 runners)

1 0F-F BUSKINA 7 (B) C Vernon Miller 8-10-10 E Buckley
2 40- DONTPUSHME 224 M Robinson 7-10-10 —
3 653P DUNSTALL 37 (F,G,S) B Morgan 11-10-10 C Prince (7)
4 00P- GOLDFIELDS 194 Mrs T Cuthbert 4-10-10 —
5 25-4 HIGH CHATEAU 8 J Spearing 4-10-10 A Webb
6 05-0 IN ORDER 14 M McCourt 5-10-10 A Gorman
7 *JAZZY JUMPER D Murray-Smith 5-10-10* Mr P Verling
8 5-54 KAMEO STYLE 28 (B) P Jones 5-10-10 M Kinane
9 0 LEAGAUNE 9 T Casey 6-10-10 —
10 -543 MOORSTOWN RAMBLER 23 M Oliver 5-10-10 J Railton (7)
11 65- MR ENTERTAINER 250 N Gaselee 5-10-10 L Harvey
12 /00 MR POLLARD 16 G Balding 7-10-10 Mr S Mullins (7)
13 0-2 MY PILOT 14 G Balding 4-10-10 P Dever
14 06 UNCLE RAGGY 17 D Nicholson 5-10-10 M Bosley
15 0 UPHAM RAINBOW 32 D Gandolfo 5-10-10 S McNeill
16 40P- ANSWERS PLEASE 292 R Smyly 4-10-5 R Boucher (7)
17 6-05 DI'S DELIGHT 29 C Bravery 6-10-5 Mr T Grantham

9-4 Jazzy Jumper, 3-1 My Pilot, 5-1 Moorstown Rambler, 7-1 Kameo Style, 8-1 High Chateau, 10-1 Uncle Raggy.

1.15 DEER PARK HANDICAP CHASE (£1,646: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 31F- BRASS CHANGE 245 (CD,G,S) P Jones 10-12-0 M Kinane
2 U-54 TARCONEY 8 (G,S) P Cundell 8-11-13 R Stronge
3 -P00 THOMOND PRIDE 38 (S) P O'Connor 12-11-2 Mr G Hanmer
4 146- CLASSIC HERO 247 (S) G Balding 7-10-10 S Hodgson (7)
5 P2-0 KING KAS 9 (G) D Gandolfo 6-10-9 S McNeill
6 F0-U SOUTHERN REAPER 14 J Costello 6-10-6 E Buckley
7 1-6U FENCE JUDGE 9 (BF,S) T Forster 6-10-2 L Harvey
8 F4-0 ELLFERANDEM 7 (V,S) E Wheeler 8-10-0 K Burke

9-4 Fence Judge, 7-2 Tarconey, 5-1 Brass Change, 6-1 Southern Reaper, 7-1 King Kas, 10-1 Classic Hero, 12-1 others.

1.45 CAMPAIGN FOR REAL GIN 10th ANNIVERSARY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£960: 2m) (10)

1 4/02 WINTER TERM 9 (D,BF,S) T Casey 6-11-11 P Harley (7)
2 8534 ALTRAFAN 17 P Cundell 5-11-1 R Stronge
3 65P3 ROCHES ROOST 17 (CD,F) M Robinson 5-10-9 N Roche (7)
4 P32- JIM BOWIE 222 A Davison 5-10-9 L Harvey
5 0-U5 TREE DANCE 60 J White 5-10-7 K Burke
6 450 SOURCE OF MAGIC 10 T Muggeridge 6-10-3 M Muggeridge (7)
7 3005 JANAAB 14 J Harris 6-10-2 J A Harris
8 0-00 ANDY'S SECRET 7 (B) A Brisbourne 6-10-2 A Webb
9 6-UP DAUNTING PROSPECT 7 (S) P Hedger 4-10-2 D O'Sullivan (7)
10 00P0 EVESHAM BUTCHERS 9 J Bennett 8-10-2 S Shilston

7-4 *Winter Term*, 3-1 *Altrafan*, 5-1 Roche's Roost, 6-1 Jim Bowie, 8-1 Tree Dance, 10-1 Janaab, 14-1 others.

2.15 WELL TO DO CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,301: 3m 190yd) (7)

1 1-0U GERAMI 16 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 8-12-0 W Knox
2 120- COURSE HUNTER 245 (D,G,S) D Murray-Smith 10-11-13 Mr P Verling (4)
3 */U31- WHITSUNDAY 252 (CD,G,S)* N Henderson 9-11-12 J Railton (7)
4 04P- RATTLIN' JACK 231 (D,S) M Wilkinson 9-11-12 Mr T Grantham
5 -P11 TENESAINT 14 (C,D,F,G,S) C Saunders 7-11-8 Mrs J Saunders
6 U3-0 RIG STEEL 7 (D,F,G,S) P Cundell 8-11-4 P Dever
7 40-2 ECHO SOUNDER 19 (CD,G,S) T Forster 9-11-3 L Harvey

7-2 Tenesaint, 4-1 Echo Sounder, 5-1 Rig Steel, 6-1 Whitsunday, 8-1 Gerami, 10-1 Course Hunter, 14-1 others.

2.45 WATERHALL NOVICES CHASE (£1,538: 2m 50yd) (8)

1 12-3 ANOTHER BOLUS 26 (S) Mrs I McKie 6-10-10 A Webb
2 00-25 EROSTINDEVELOPMENT 9 J Costello 5-10-10 E Buckley
3 4-11 FIDDLERS THREE 32 (G,S) T Forster 5-10-10 L Harvey
4 P0 LITTLE GENERAL 28 G Gregson 5-10-10 M Kinane
5 4-00 SIR'S AT THE GIN 28 (F,G,S) J Gifford 7-10-10 Mr T Grantham
6 500P STEPAULI 7 (F) J Dawes 6-10-10 S McCrystal (7)
7 -403 TIARUM 77 (G,S) A Chamberlain 6-10-10 M Bosley
8 2222 WAYWARD SINGER 99 J Costello 5-10-10 P Harley (7)

9-4 Fiddlers Three, 7-2 Another Bolus, 4-1 Sir's At The Gin, 6-1 *Erostindevelopment*, 7-1 Wayward Singer, 10-1 others.

3.15 LONGWATER NOVICES HURDLE (£680: 2m 5f 26yd) (13)

1 5221 TYRED N'SNOOKERD 4 (S) P Hedger 4-11-6 D O'Sullivan (7)
2 00-0 ARROWFLITE 8 M Oliver 5-10-10 J Railton (7)
3 00- COPPER FASTENER 280 T Forster 7-10-10 L Harvey
4 *0F3 DIANES DESTINY 14 J Costello 4-10-10* P Harley (7)
5 -P43 FULL SPEED AHEAD 10 R Smyly 5-10-10 R Boucher (7)
6 /0-0 KYLEMAKILL 14 T Casey 7-10-10 K Doolan
7 -225 OKEETEE 16 C Brooks 5-10-10 R Teague (7)
8 6080 RAMSDELL 9 B Smart 6-10-10 W Humphreys (4)
9 SOMEBODY 64F J White 4-10-10 K Burke
10 P THE CHERRY KING 64 Mrs I McKie 6-10-10 A Webb
11 0649 DODINGTON BELLE 16 D Jermy 4-10-5 A Dicks
12 *4223 KIRI'S SONG 11 J Needham 5-10-5* A Gorman
13 5PP0 THE FURNITUREMAKER 7 D Gandolfo 5-10-5 S McNeill

6-4 Tyred N' Snookerd, 7-2 Dianes Destiny, 4-1 Okeetee, 8-1 Full Speed Ahead, 10-1 Kiri's Song, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: C Saunders, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; N Henderson, 16 from 63, 25.4%; C Vernon Miller, 4 from 16, 25.0%; P Cundell, 3 from 18, 16.7%; J Gifford, 12 from 83, 14.5%; T Forster, 15 from 109, 13.8%.

JOCKEYS: S Shilston, 5 winners from 19 rides, 26.3%; L Harvey, 7 from 43, 16.3%; W Humphreys, 4 from 28, 14.3%; E Buckley, 4 from 28, 14.3%. (Only qualifiers).

DONCASTER

Selections
By Mandarin

12.30 Good Point. 1.00 Vicars Landing. 1.30 High Edge Grey. 2.00 Norton Warrior. 2.30 Nohalmdun. 3.00 Miss Relsun. 3.30 Deep In The Wood.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and *distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in* latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdles)

12.30 GLASGOW PADDOCKS SELLING HURDLE (£1,423: 2m 150yd) (21 runners)

1 01111 GOOD POINT 29 (D,F,G) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 4-11-10 G McCourt ● 99
2 0P-0402 LORD DE MONTFORT 14 (B,D,F) (Mrs A Keane) J Blundell 4-11-10 M Brennan 87
3 20P SAILORS SONNET 7 (V) (A Sharp) M H Easterby 4-11-10 R Marley —
4 261U04- GOLD 'N SOFT 207 (D,S) (Mrs D Watts) J O'Shea 4-11-5 W McFarland (7) 97
5 006-PP0 SOARING EAGLES 8 (Mrs E Dawes) T Kersey 4-11-5 Susan Kersey (7) —
6 2 BABY DAVID 105 (M Harker) J Parkes 3-10-10 R Fahey (7) 71
7 0 CAMPSIE SPRING 17 (V) (F H Lee) F Lee 3-10-10 C Hawkins —
8 04230 CANESTRELLI 9 (W Fletcher) P Blockley 3-10-10 P Midgeley (7) 81
9 000 EXPOUND 12 (D Emery) J Harris 3-10-10 D Wilkinson —
10 00 IN-JESTE 10 (Mrs E Hewitson) J S Wilson 3-10-10 N Doughty 80
11 50 SILVER ARCH 11 (G Farndon Eng. Co) R Hollinshead 3-10-10 Gary Lyons (7) —
12 05 SNAKE EYE 21 (Mrs A Ferguson) J Wharton 3-10-10 S J O'Neill 84
13 UU4 STANFORD BOY 21 (B) (N Parkin) J Parkes 3-10-10 D Byrne (4) —
14 1 CHAMPAGNE DANCER 16 (D,G) (T Brooks) D Burchell 3-10-5 D J Burchell 87
15 00 DI SETA DANCER 26 (Whiteoaks Ltd) J Harris 3-10-5 K Sims —
16 5460 JASMIN PATH 29 (J Hopper) H Fleming 3-10-5 —
17 MEDIA STAR 125F (T Kersey) T Kersey 3-10-5 A Orkney —
18 SAYNO 73F (M English) Miss G Rees 3-10-5 W Worthington —
19 00-P000 CARA MUFFIN 12 (B) (Mrs C Minton) Mrs C Postlethwaite 4-11-10 —
20 KEEP MUM 37F (G Kelly) G Kelly 3-10-5 R Beggan —
21 0 TRAVEL MUSIC 14 (D Wellcome) D Wellcome 3-10-5 M Bastard —

BETTING: 10-11 Good Point, 4-1 Champagne Dancer, 11-2 Gold 'N Soft, 9-1 Snake Eye, 12-1 Campsie Spring, Lord de Montfort, 16-1 others.

1987: ASSULTAN 3-10-10 D Murphy (6-1) B Curley 18 ran

1.0 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,524: 2m 4f) (5 runners) C4

1 0F6P-21 VICARS LANDING 24 (D,F) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 5-11-12 G McCourt 95
2 03PP6P- DAMERS CAVALRY 204 (B) (Mrs L Lewis) C Trietline 5-11-4 J Shortt 86
3 0/10240- STRING PLAYER 183F (D,F,G,S) (F Lee) F Lee 6-11-4 C Hawkins —
4 45F13 NARANA 26 (G) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 4-10-6 J O'Gorman (7) ● 99
5 520-255 WISCONSIN 77 (N Fletcher) M Chapman 4-10-1 S J O'Neill —

BETTING: 11-8 Vicars Landing, 7-4 Narana, 3-1 String Player, 20-1 Wisconsin, 33-1 Damers Cavalry.

1987: STAY ON TRACKS 5-11-4 C Grant (4-5 fav) W A Stephenson 12 ran

FORM VICARS LANDING was given a quiet introduction to fences behind Canford Palm at Kempton (2m, good to firm) and showed the benefit of that experience when beating Malicho (levels) 7l at Worcester (2m 4f, firm). Can complete a double.
DAMERS CAVALRY pulled up last time. Previously 24½l 8th of 14 to Nodalotte at Hereford (2m 3f, firm). *NARANA* beat Pampering (gave 23lb) 7l at Kelso (2m 6f) on penultimate start. Subsequently 10½l 3rd of 6 to Galadine at Newcastle (2m 4f, good). WISCONSIN jumped poorly last time when 54½l 5th of 9 to Hogmeney at Market Rasen (2m 5f, good to firm).
STRING PLAYER useful hurdler makes his chasing debut here. On penultimate start finished 5l 4th of 8 to Pat's Jester (gave 8lb) in the Scottish Champion *Hurdle at Ayr (2m, good).*
Selection: VICARS LANDING

1.30 SHEILA'S COTTAGE HANDICAP CHASE (£5,208: 3m 2f) (4 runners) C4

1 11-111F HIGH EDGE GREY 14 (D,F,G,S) (J Stone) J Olver 7-11-10 T Reed 98
2 13-0513 MR FRISK 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 9-11-6 R Beggan ● 99
3 B15122 SAM DA VINCI 14 (C,F,G,S) (J Wilson) J Blundell 9-11-0 M Brennan 97
4 2/3P-034 COVENT GARDEN 7 (B,D,G,S) (Miss S Parton) W Clay 10-10-0 R Bevan (7) 84

BETTING: 7-4 High Edge Grey, 9-4 Mr Frisk, 5-2 Sam da Vinci, 8-1 Covent Garden.

1987: MR FRISK 9-11-4 Mr M Armytage (6-4 fav) K Bailey 7 ran

FORM MR FRISK beat Bajan Sunshine (rec 10lb) 3l on penultimate start at Ascot *(3m, good to firm). Ran up to that form latest outing* when 16l 3rd of 12 behind Strands Of Gold (rec 2lb) in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury (3m 2f 82yd, good) with HIGH EDGE GREY (1lb worse off) in 6th place when falling at the 14th. HIGH EDGE GREY previously beat Yahoo (levels) a neck at Wetherby (3m 100y, good to soft) with MR FRISK (4lb better off) 15l away 7th. SAM DA VINCI 2½l 2nd to Mick's Star (rec 4lb) at Market Rasen (3m 2f, good to soft) last time. COVENT GARDEN is 17lb out of the handicap. Last time 34l 4th of 5 behind Warleggan (gave 2lb) at Nottingham (3m 4f, good).
Selection: MR FRISK

2.0 YEB AND CREDA ECONOMY 7 HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,175: 2m 4f) (13 runners) C4

1 11F/1P- GREEN STEPS 50F (G,S) (Lady Anne Bentinck) J Glover 6-12-2 J J Quinn 87
2 *1240-52 NORTON WARRIOR 14 (D,G,S) (J Linley) M H Easterby 5-11-11 R Garritty (7)* ● 99
3 3410-00 TIVIAN 7 (G,S) (Lady Matthews) I Matthews 8-11-7 T Luhoeneschloss 93
4 5/0112-1 SHEER NECTAR 24 (F,S) (L Turland) G Balding 5-11-3 A Charlton (4) 97
5 412F5F- DARKORJON 194F (D,F,G,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 7-11-1 G McCourt —
6 143-234 CHRISTMAS HOLLY 7 (D,F,S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-0 P Niven 98
7 3113-51 TAGIO 12 (F,G,S) (M Tate) M Tate 8-10-10 N Hawke (4) 94
8 31P4FP- JOHNSTONS GLORY 233 (S) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 5-10-10 E McKinley 98
9 343312 LOTTIE'S FURY 30 (BF,D,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 4-10-7 J O'Gorman (7) 96
10 62-0324 A LAD INSANE 14 (F) (Miss S Wills) K Bailey 7-10-3 R Beggan 97
11 433232 WELL COVERED 15 (BF,D,F,G) (G Hamilton) R Hollinshead 7-10-0 Gary Lyons (7) 91
12 2-41663 SPECKYFOUREYES 14 (D,F) (J Pearce) J Pearce 5-10-0 J McLaughlin 84
13 10P565- STUMBLE 215 (G) (J Cowan) J Mackie 4-10-0 S J O'Neill 88

BETTING: 4-1 Norton Warrior, 9-2 Sheer Nectar, 6-1 Tagio, 7-1 Lottie's Fury, 8-1 Christmas Holly, Green Steps, 10-1 Darkorjon, 12-1 Speckyfoureyes, 14-1 others.

1987: GUISBOROUGH TOWN 7-9-9 N Smith (2-1 fav) Mrs G Reveley 8 ran

FORM NORTON WARRIOR short head 2nd to Gold Options (rec 7lb) with CHRISTMAS HOLLY (1lb better off) a neck away 3rd at Newcastle (2m, good to soft). CHRISTMAS HOLLY subsequently 5½l 4th of 13 to Antinous (levels) at Wetherby (2m, soft). Would have been closer but for a mistake 2 out.
WELL COVERED 3l 2nd to Saskia's Reprieve (rec 15lb) at Leicester (2m, good).
SHEER NECTAR beat Hope Diamond (rec 4lb) 2½l with TAGIO (1lb worse off) 5½l away 5th at Worcester (2m 2f, firm).
LOTTIE'S FURY 12l 2nd to Bickerstaffe (rec 7lb) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, soft).
A LAD INSANE 3l 4th of 20 to Camden Belle (rec 15lb) at Towcester (2m, good). Gives the impression this trip will suit him better.
Selection: SHEER NECTAR

2.30 FREEBOOTER NOVICES CHASE (Feature race: £9,516: 2m 150yd) (4 runners) C4

1 2450-11 NOHALMDUN 14 (D,F,G,S) (Ulceby Farms Ltd) M H Easterby 7-11-11 R Marley 91
2 0-20121 BILOXI BLUES 12 (D,F,G,S) (R Gilder) K Bailey 6-11-8 R Beggan ● 99
3 11/F06-1 CANFORD PALM 37 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Cobham) C Brooks 7-11-8 B de Haan 91
4 004002- JUNIOR CITIZEN 224 (D,S) (W H O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-4 G McCourt 79

BETTING: 13-8 Nohalmdun, 7-4 Canford Palm, 11-4 Biloxi Blues, 8-1 Junior Citizen.

1987: PRIDEAUX BOY 9-11-4 A Webb (Evens fav) C Roach 6 ran

FORM NOHALMDUN is unbeaten over fences following easy victories at Catterick (2m, good to firm) and Market Rasen (2m, good to soft). The latter time beating Boresham Down (rec 4lb) 5l. Former top-class hurdler who can win this.
BILOXI BLUES impressed last time beating Greenheart 15l at Nottingham (2m, firm). Previously 6l 2nd to Fred The Tread at Ascot (2m, good to firm).
CANFORD PALM made winning debut over fences jumping well to beat Vicars Landing 7l at Kempton (2m, good to firm).
JUNIOR CITIZEN made a promising debut over *fences finishing 5l 2nd to Grange Hill Girl at Market* Rasen (2m, firm). Has more to do here.
Selection: NOHALMDUN

3.0 TEAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£680: 2m 150yd) (13 runners)

1 351F33 MISS RELSUN 15 (D,F) (Mrs V Robson) Mrs G Reveley 4-11-13 N Smith (7) 89
2 5-1S150 J J JIMMY 59 (D,F,S) (J & J Stanley Limited) D Eddy 4-11-12 D Dutton 90
3 20-3422 BEN LEDI 26 (B) (Jonjo Thoroughbred Racing) J O'Neill 4-11-11 T Reed 93
4 *5300- TOP O' TH' GREEN 222 (Mrs J Bissa) J Edwards 5-11-8 Mr P Fenton* ● 99
5 0000-S3 COINCIDENTAL 8 (G Parsons) D Chapman 6-11-5 P Harte (4) 91
6 P00-230 THIN RED LINE 21 (D Tarpy) J Jenkins 4-11-4 M Ahern (4) 98
7 PP00-20 CRYSTAL HAWK 9 (Tomlyn Scaffolding Ltd) M Wilkinson 4-11-1 R Beggan 98
8 0U0-004 PONTEUS PILOT 15 (R Good) D Gandolfo 7-10-12 — 90
9 383015 BOLD ANSWER 79 (BF,D,F) (B Evison) C Bell 5-10-10 M Brennan 95
10 508-030 JUST FOR JOHN 12 (Mrs J Brown) J Charlton 5-10-8 P Dennis 95
11 6/P0 PYTCHLEY PRINCE 10 (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 5-10-8 Gary Lyons (7) —
12 *600-00 NORTH WOLD PARK 8 (Havenwood Con's Ltd) K Stone 4-10-7* J J Quinn 92
13 P-000PP NORMANDY CROSSING 33 (J Dooler) J Dooler 6-10-3 S Turner (4) —

BETTING: 4-1 Thin Red Line, 5-1 Top O'The Green, 11-2 Coincidental, Miss Relsun, 6-1 Ben Ledi, 8-1 J J Jimmy, Just for John, 12-1 others.

1987: ANOTHER SEEKER 5-11-3 V Kennedy (11-2) F Winter 16 ran

3.30 DONCASTER NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£680: 2m 150yd) (18 runners)

1 10- BRADWALL 245 (D,S) (G Barlow) G Barlow 4-11-9 Gary Lyons (7) —
2 0-1 DEEP IN THE WOOD 12 (D,G) (G Adcock) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-9 D Byrne (4) —
3 10 STRONG FANCY 21 (D,G) (P Macklam) H Wharton 5-11-9 P Harte (4) —
4 CANTAMEGA (Larkhall Laboratories) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-2 R Darke (7) —
5 CLAVERDON BOY (J Allen) J Allen 8-11-2 Ann Stockell (7) —
6 CONCERT PAPER (A1 Paper Plc) Miss S Wilton 4-11-2 S Davies (4) —
7 EBORNEEZER'S DREAM (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 5-11-2 D Telfer (7) —
8 HURRY ON HARRY (H Atkinson) R Woodhouse 4-11-2 R Garritty (7) —
9 KAMBA LAD (A Whitehead) J Edwards 5-11-2 Mr P Fenton —
10 KELLYS PAL (R Andrews) Mrs E Andrews 5-11-2 Mr S Andrews —
11 MAHANA (R Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-2 J Hayes (7) —
12 MANX VIKING (P Blockley) P Blockley 5-11-2 P Midgeley (7) —
13 MAYORAN NN (Lord Canton) D Barons 4-11-2 N Hawke (4) —
14 MEDITATOR (Mrs J Perrin) W Perrin 4-11-2 S McCrystal (7) —
15 NATIVE VIEW (UK Racing Ltd) P Charlton 4-11-2 S Richardson (7) —
16 FOLLYDOLLY (G Boothroyd) C Parker 4-10-11 A Parker (7) —
17 KEENLINE (Miss J Stephenson) P Allingham 4-10-11 D Skyrme (7) —
18 MISS PUCK (Miss M Furness) R Tate 4-10-11 N Smith (7) —

BETTING: 11-4 Deep in the Wood, 7-2 Cantamega, 4-1 Strong Fancy, 6-1 Kamba Lad, Mayoran, 8-1 Miss Puck, 10-1 Bradwall, 12-1 others.

1987: SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 4-10-9 P Harte (5-1) H Wharton 16 ran

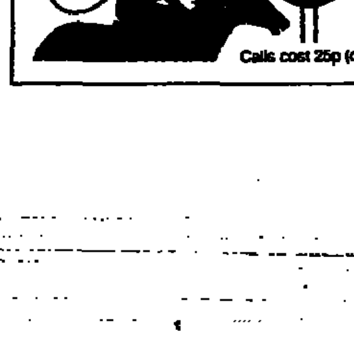
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TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Wharton	5	16	31.3	N Doughty	3	13	23.1
O Sherwood	3	12	25.0	R Marley	3	14	21.4
Jimmy Fitzgerald	8	36	22.2	P Niven	3	29	10.3
Mrs J Pitman	3	14	21.4				
Mrs G Reveley	3	17	17.6				
W A Stephenson	7	48	14.6				

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Childhood of the Champions: athlete Colin Jackson

Jackson's flight of fancy

Mick Cleary discovers how Britain's top hurdler faced a formidable barrier to his sporting career at school

Colin Jackson made a final lunge for the tape. He looked across. Beaten again. "I've had enough of this," he thought. Back in the changing rooms he contemplated his retirement. "What else can I do? Long jump? Javelin? I know, I'll try the high hurdles."

And so ended his sprinting career. It was a wise decision by the 14-year-old. Since taking to the 110 metres hurdles he has picked up a host of medals and titles: world junior champion in 1986, world bronze medal winner in 1987 and a silver medal in the Olympic Games in Seoul.

The sublime ease and grace of his hurdling typifies the man himself. He has an unruffled, carefree air about him and is rarely flustered. He was stranded on the hard shoulder of the motorway twice within 24 hours last week when successive cars broke down. Six hours late for our appointment, he merely smiled and shrugged his shoulders apologetically. "What happens, happens," he said.

Even on the schoolboy rugby field he exuded a sense of style. Opposition back rows would have thumped the ground in frustration as Jackson the stand-off half once more danced out of their reach.

Jackson's elegant, balletic action was evident almost from his first session over the hurdles. His coach of the last five years, Malcolm Arnold, who, in his capacity as national director of coaching in Uganda had taken John Akii-Bua to the 400 metres hurdles gold medal in the Munich Olympics, watched Jackson just twice as a 16-year-old. "I turned to Colin's father, Ossie," he recalls, "and told him that there would be no problem in getting his son to the Olympics."

Jackson, now aged 21, had taken up hurdling just 18 months before, after his ego had been dented too often in the 100 metres. That he was to concentrate exclusively on the event was due to accident rather than design. Or rather argument.

He had fallen out with his sports teachers about giving up rugby for fear of injury. A seemingly sensible and acceptable thing to do, perhaps, but not if you live in Wales. The sports staff at Llanedeyra High School, Cardiff, wanted their best performer on the rugby field. Jackson refused.

In retaliation they restricted him to one event in the district schools' athletics championships. As well as a high-class hurdler, Jackson was also a talented high and long jumper and javelin thrower. He was forced to choose. "I was quite tall and long-legged for my age, so the hurdles seemed the best bet," he says.

More than simply an accomplished all-round athlete, Jackson was a gifted all-round sportsboy. He played county cricket for Glamorgan schools and bewitched the opposition defence on the football pitch. He was no mean basketball player, either. Athletics, though, was his first love, ever since he had watched his elder sister, Suzanne, now an actress, stride away with the Cardiff Schools' under-nine title.

Jackson won his first trophy, the 60-metres dash, two years later. He nurtured no particular ambitions until he watched the Jamaican, Don Quarrie, hurtle to his 200 metres gold medal in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

"For some reason Don inspired me: the power, the style and the success. He was a real hero. I've met him several times since but I've never let on that I was a starry-eyed youngster. He just thinks I'm a fairly cool kind of guy. Nothing could be further from the truth."

Jackson, as a nine-year-old, followed those Olympics closely, particularly the sprinters. "I can remember them all," he says, "Annegret Richter, the East German who won gold and silver in the sprints; Renate Stecher who had won double gold in 1972 but only won silver in Montreal, and Harvey Glance who came only fourth in the sprint but had those distinctive long-platted locks."

Motivation has never been a problem for Jackson. He wants success and is prepared to sweat blood to achieve it. He always has been that way inclined. His present coach sometimes finds it difficult to hold him back.

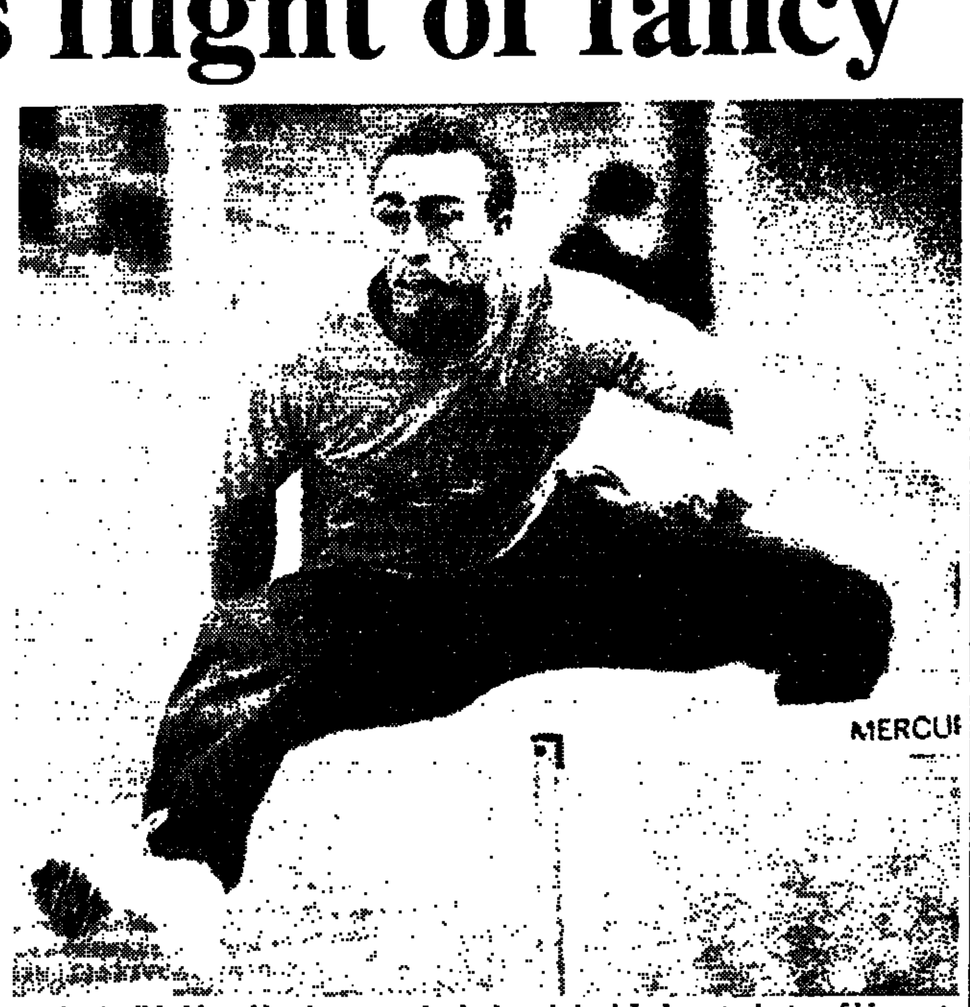
When Jackson joined Cardiff Athletic Club he wanted to do everything — jumps, throws, sprints, whatever. Indeed, in a bleak spell about two years ago he thought about switching to the decathlon, at which he would undoubtedly do well, if the results went against him early in the season. He promptly went out and broke the European junior men's record a few weeks later.

His superb technique is part innate and part acquired. His industrious nature (not always in evidence, he admits, in his academic work) ensured that he listened to and learned from his first coach, Mike Jones, and in recent years to Arnold.

In the classroom, however, Jackson was rather more ambivalent in his attitude. "If I liked the subject or more particularly if I liked the teacher then I would work. If I didn't, then I wouldn't. I'll never forget the face of the geography teacher when he found out that I had passed geography O level. I hadn't done a stroke for two years, had never taken a note and I didn't even have a textbook after I lost my original.

"I always treated school as a bit of fun, which is not the most mature attitude to have in the world but I guess I got away with it."

At the age of 17 Jackson left school after completing a business studies course. "I was destined for the 9-to-5 routine until I thought: 'That way of life is not really me. Let's give athletics a real go'." He did. In his first outing at the high hurdles as a senior, he returned 14.1sec, one of the best times in the world for his age.



Taking it all in his stride: elegance and calm have helped Jackson to the top of his event



The Jackson two: actress Suzanne, aged eight, and hurdler Colin, aged three

Christmas will see PSG at the top of the tree

THE WORLD OF SPORT

PARIS

This time next week France's professional footballers play the last match before hanging up their boots for a winter break that extends to the first Saturday in February, 1989. And unless something goes seriously amiss, Paris Saint-Germain will be up in their rightful place at the top of the first division, well clear of the field with the exception of the tenacious Auxerre team.

For us expatriates in the capital who have sworn temporary allegiance to PSG, there could be no better Christmas present. Exactly a year ago, we were virtually rock bottom of the league, heading for relegation in such obscure company as Le Havre.

Those days, you hardly needed a pocket calculator to count the "crowd" that turned up in the Parc des Princes to whistle down another miserable performance. What joy, therefore, to report that Matra Racing, who share Parc des Princes with PSG, have lost six games on the trot — despite all their big names — and are languishing in fourteenth position, propped up by a handful of clubs from places like Lens, which true Parisians scarcely consider part of France.

Honesty compels me to add, however, that the "new" PSG, playing their *système Ivic* defensive game — after the Yugoslav manager they acquired this season — can be deadly dull to watch. The sparse crowd that saw them edge Cannes 1-0 a week ago, in an encounter most notable for the presence of five more "Yugos" on the field, was more interested in discussing the prospects of Michel Platini reviving the flagging fortunes of the French national team. The wisdom of bringing the best of France's under-21 players straight through into the ailing senior squad is very much in question.

Meanwhile, all the talk of bone-crushing scrum power based upon a 50-stone front row as the secret weapon of French rugby in the coming five nations championship is upsetting many a purist on this side of the La Manche. A *rugbyman* acquaintance of mine from Biarritz, where they know plenty about forward drives but still consider it a means to getting the ball out to the incomparable Serge Blanco, is particularly upset by suggestions that France's coach, Jacques Fouroux, wants the team to cast aside the gloriously unpredictable back play that would bring the most one-eyed foreign spectators to their feet in wild excitement.

French rugby enthusiasts will certainly want some convincing that the switch to what Fouroux concedes is an attempt to emulate New Zealand power rugby is either sensible or desirable. One outsider whose opinion might be interesting is Sir Ewen Fergusson, Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador to France and former second row forward for Scotland, with a few battle scars still left to prove it.

Forgive me for adopting a slight Gallic sneer at the news that Donald Trump, the billionaire property developer and tireless self-promoter from New York, is to launch a 10-stage bicycle race across six states in the United States. Le Tour de Trump, no less: how long before it is being billed as the United States' answer to the Tour de France?

Not a hope, I say, speaking as a thoroughly ignorant foreigner who would sooner walk than mount a bike and has experienced only a single Tour de France via television, the newspapers and one "live" stage. For spectacle, passion, raw courage and surpassing athleticism, nothing could ever match this drama roaming from one end of the country to another — increasingly with detours to accommodate cycling-mad neighbours — by the finest riders in the world.

As for the comparison between publics, can you see huge crowds of Americans waiting patiently for hours on some remote stretch of country road for the fleeting glimpse of their champions hurtling past? Mind you, over here there are magnificent picnic spreads and the finest local wines to wile away the time. Burgers and Coke? *Mon Dieu ... non, merci.*

Philip Jacobson

MODERN PENTATHLON

Olympic confrontation may undermine Bright

By Michael Coleman

Unease over the sport's management has polarized loyalties in the build-up to the annual meeting of the Modern Pentathlon Association (MPAGB) in Milton Keynes today.

The euphoria generated by the senior men's team bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Seoul was blown away with the autumn leaves.

While recognizing the worth of the men's performances it is felt that the management effort has been concentrated on this area at the expense of the juniors, the women and, in particular, the sport nationwide.

Voting has taken place for the six general council positions, for which there were 10 candidates: and for the vice-presidency, with three in the field: Katie Banks, the incumbent, Ron Bright, who was manager of the Olympic team, and Martin Dawe, a selector.

The battle seems to be between Bright, favoured by the president, Keith Clark, and Dawe, who has the nominations of Eileen Tayler, the virtual matriarch of the sport, and of Richard Phelps, Britain's top competitor for the past decade.

It was Bright's handling of the Olympic team, especially his selection of the injured Dominic Mahony, that brought the confrontation.

Bright, the chairman of the selection and management committee, accompanied the squad to Seoul ahead of the other selectors and announced the three to compete.

Mahony survived, but Bright's single-handed management smacked too much of sleight of hand to his colleagues.

FENCING

Strong entry for team foil championship

Seven British Olympic competitors will take part in the British team foil championship at the De Beaumont Centre, London, this weekend (Lesley Drennan writes).

Linda Martin, Fiona McIntosh and Linda Strachan will be the mainstay of their club team, Salle Paul, facing strong opposition as ever from the Salle Boston team headed by a fellow-Olympian, Ann Brannon, as well as a stronger, more regionally based field of 12 teams in the women's event.

In the men's competition of 16 teams, Meadowbank include two Olympians, Donnie McKenzie and Tony Bartlett, and the British under-20 champion, Sean Walton, but could be well-matched by Salle Goodall, captained by the British foil champion and Olympian, Pierre Harper.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League
First division
Charlton v QPR
Coventry v Manchester Utd
Derby v Luton
Middlesbrough v A Villa
Newcastle v Wimbledon
Norwich v Arsenal
Southampton v Nottingham F
Tottenham v Millwall
West Ham v Sheffield Wed

Sherpa Van Trophy
Southern section
Preliminary round
Chesterfield v Mansfield
Gillingham v Fulham

HFS Loans League
Premier division
Bangor C v Fleetwood
Gateshead v Mossley
Horwich v Gainsborough
Marine v Buxton
Shepshed v Stalybridge
South Liverpool v Hyde
Southport v Matlock
Worksop v Caernarfon

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal v Swindon; Wimbledon v Southampton.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor v Newry; Cliftonville v Crusaders; Coleraine v Portadown; Distillery v Carrick; Glenavon v Ards, Glentoran v Ballymena; Larne v Linfield.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Waterlooville; Bedworth v Bromsgrove; Burton v Worcester; Corby v Ashford; Crawley v Merthyr Tydfil; Dartford v Cambridge City; Dover v Dorchester, Fareham v Leicester United; Moor Green v Wealdstone; Redditch v Gosport. Midland division: Ashtree Highfield v Gloucester; Banbury v Willenhall; Bilston v Bridgnorth, Forest Green v Spalding; Halesowen v King's Lynn; Nuneaton Borough v Dudley; Rushden v Mile Oak, Sutton Coldfield v Stourbridge, Tamworth v Coventry Sporting; Wellingborough v Atherstone. Southern division: Burnham v Erith and Belvedere, Bury v Gravesend and Northfleet, Canterbury v Baldock; Dunstable v Poole, Folkestone v Salisbury; Hounslow v Buckingham; Ruislip v Andover; Sheppey v Chelmsford; Tonbridge v Corinthian, Trowbridge v Thanet; Witney v Hastings.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Fulham v Charlton; Gillingham v Leyton Orient; Portsmouth v Tottenham; Queen's Park Rangers v Ipswich; Southend v Millwall; Watford v Norwich; West Ham v Chelsea. Second division: Bournemouth v Bristol City; Luton v Crystal Palace; Northampton v Brentford; Oxford v Bristol Rovers; Reading v Swindon; Southampton v Brighton. Tottenham v Colchester.

Second division
Barnsley v Walsall
Birmingham v C Palace
Blackburn v Ipswich
Brighton v Stoke
Chelsea v Portsmouth
Leeds v Shrewsbury
Leicester v Sunderland
Manchester C v Bradford
Plymouth v Bournemouth
Swindon v Oldham
Watford v Oxford
WBA v Hull

Third division
Wigan v Southend

Vauxhall-Opel League
Premier division
Barking v Carshalton
Bishop's Stortford v Dagenham
Dulwich v St Albans
Grays v Farnborough
Harrow v Tooting and Mitcham
Kingstonian v Bromley
L/Ilford v Leyton-Wingate
Marlow v Hendon
Slough v Hayes
Wokingham v Windsor and Eton

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Basildon v Leatherhead; Boreham Wood v Hampton; Chesham v Collier Row; Metropolitan Police v Worthing; Southwick v Kingsbury; Uxbridge v Staines; Wembley v Chalfont St Peter; Wivenhoe v Lewes; Woking v Hitchin. Second division north: Aveley v Barton; Hemel Hempstead v Hertford; Heybridge v Billericay; Hornchurch v Stevenage Borough; Letchworth GC v Royston; Purfleet v Harlow; Rainham v Berkhamsted; Saffron Walden v Witham; Vauxhall Motors v Tilbury; Ware v Clapton; Wolverton v Tring. Second division south: Egham v Banstead; Epsom and Ewell v Molesey; Feltham v Newbury; Harefield v Ruislip Manor; Horsham v Maidenhead United; Hungerford v Southall; Petersfield v Eastbourne United; Yeading v Finchley; Whyteleafe v Flackwell Heath.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Alfreton v Lancaster; Colne Dynamoes v Eastwood Hanley; Congleton v Accrington Stanley; Droylsden v Eastwood Town; Leek v Curzon Ashton; Netherfield v Sutton Town; Newtown v Bishop Auckland, Penrith v Irlam; Whitley Bay v Winsford, Workington v Harrogate Town.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny v Brecon; Aberystwyth v Pembroke; Barry v Milford; Bridgend v Briton Ferry; Ebbw Vale v Caerleon; Haverfordwest v Pontllanfraith; Maesteg v AFC Cardiff; Ton Pentre v Port Talbot.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Wellingburians v Old Bradfieldians.

LANCASHIRE TROPHY: Atherton Collieries v Radcliffe.

FA Cup
Second round
Aldershot v Bristol C
Altrincham v Halifax
Aylesbury v Sutton Utd
Bath v Welling
Blackpool v Bury
Bognor v Cambridge Utd
Bolton v P Vale
Colchester v Swansea
Grimsby v Rotherham
Hartlepool v Notts Co
Huddersfield v Chester
Kettering v Bristol R
Northwich v Tranmere
Peterborough v Brentford
Reading v Maidstone
Runcorn v Crewe (12.0)
Scarborough v Carlisle
Yeovil v Torquay

GM Vauxhall Conference
Barnet v Wycombe
Chorley v Newport
Fisher v Cheltenham
Kidderminster v Macclesfield
Weymouth v Boston

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Plymouth Argyle; Chard v Paulton; Frome v Dawlish; Minehead v Mangotsfield; Swanage and Herston v Clevedon; Torrington v Chippenham; Welton v Bideford.

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon v Tow Law; Durham v North Shields; Easington v Ferryhill; Gretna v Stockton; Guisborough v Shildon; Newcastle Blue Star v Billingham Town; Seaham Red Star v South Bank. Joshua Tetley League Cup: Whickham v Whitby Town (1.30).

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Skelmersdale; Bootle v Flixton (2.0); Burscough v Darwen; Colwyn Bay v St Helens (2.0); Knowsley v Atherton LR (2.0); Prescot Cables v Ellesmere Port and Neston (2.0); Salford v Formby (2.0); Warrington v Rossendale (2.0). Raab Karcher Cup: Second round replay: Clitheroe v Newcastle Town (1.45).

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: First round: Old Etonians v Lancing Old Boys; Old Foresters v Old Cholmeleians; Old Haileyburians v Old Carthusians; Old Malvernians v Old Ardinians; Old Reptonians v Old Harrovians; Old Westminsters v Old Salopians.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: Fourth qualifying round: BAe Weybridge v Camberley; Chipstead v Malden Vale; Dorking v Malden Town; Redhill v Walton and Hersham.

WEST RIDING CUP: Goole v Farsley.

Scottish Cup
First round replays
Dumbarton v Inverness Thistle
Stirling v Stranraer (Alloa)

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Aberdeen
Dundee Utd v Hibernian
Hamilton v Dundee
Hearts v Rangers
St Mirren v Motherwell

First division
Airdrie v Forfar
Clyde v Ayr
Clydebank v Queen of Sth
Dunfermline v Morton
Kilmarnock v St Johnstone
Meadowbank v Partick
Raith v Falkirk

Second division
Albion v Cowdenbeath
E Fife v Queen's Park
E Stirling v Alloa
Montrose v Berwick
Stenhsemuir v Arbroath

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v Wakefield (Newstead Woods School, Orpington, 2.0); Cambridge City v Southgate (Coldhams Common, 2.30); East Grinstead v ISCA (Farlington School, Horsham, 2.15); Old Loughtonians v Hounslow (Chigwell, 2.15); Stourport v Slough (West Warwick Club, Solihull, 2.0); Teddington v Havant (Ditton Fields, 2.15); Warrington v Harborne (Albert Park, Salford, 1.30); Welton v Indian Gymkhana (Grove Sports Centre, Balderton, 11.30). Second division: Bournville v Cannock (Shenley Court Leisure Centre, 11.45); Broxbourne v Bream (Queenswood School, Hatfield, 2.0); Canterbury v Westcliff (Polo Farm Sports Club, 2.15); Coventry and North Warwickshire v Guildford (Coventry School, 2.0); Gore Court v Anchorians (Sittingbourne, 2.15); Reading v Peterborough (Bradfield College, 2.30); Richmond v Doncaster (Paddington Recreation Ground, 11.30); Taunton Vale v Neston (Moorfields, 12.0).

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Blackheath; Cheam v Maidenhead; Mid-Surrey v Tulse Hill; Old Kingstonians v Weybridge Hawks; Purley v Dulwich; Surbiton v Spencer; St Albans v Cambridge University; Wimbledon v Oxford University.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Bishop's Stortford; Colchester v West Herts; Crostyx v Welwyn Garden City; Ford v Blueharts; Harleston Magpies v Bury St Edmunds; Norfolk Wanderers v Cambridgeshire Nomads; Norwich Grasshoppers v Bedford; Wisbech v Ipswich.

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham v Marden Russets; Fareham v Bognor; Lewes v Tunbridge Wells; Lyons v Oxford Hawks; Old Midwhitgiftians v Trojans; Old Tauntonians v Aylesbury; Sevenoaks v Eastcote; Winchester v Chichester. Hampshire/Surrey: Camberley v Walton; Epsom v Barnes; Goan v Weymouth; Merton v Southampton University; Metropolitan Police v Fleet; NatWest Bank v Bournemouth and WH; Old Edwardians v US Portsmouth; Woking v Basingstoke. Kent/Sussex: Brighton v Middleton; Folkestone v Maidstone; Gravesend v Old Bordenians; Mid-Sussex v Herne Bay; Old Beccehamians v Burnt Ash; Old Williamsonians v Worthing; Thames Polytechnic v Lloyds Bank; Tonbridge v Rochester and Gillingham. Middlesex/Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire: Bracknell v Garrards Cross; City of Oxford v British Airways; Harrow Town Swans v Tilehurst; Hendon v Southgate Adelaide; Marlow v Old Merchant Taylors; NPL v Witney; Reading University v High Wycombe; Sunbury v Hayes.

ARTHUR YOUNG LEAGUE: First division: Barford Tigers v North Stafford; Belper v Nottingham; Chesterfield v Hampton in Arden; Edgbaston v Aldridge; Khalsa v Streetly; Kings Heath v Northampton Saints; Redditch v Nuneaton; Stone v Worcester Norton.

WOMEN: Lloyds Bank Kent League: First division: Belvedere v Sevenoaks; Bexleyheath v Gravesend; Burnt Ash v Ashford; Herne Bay v Orpington; Reed v Canterbury. NatWest Essex League: First division: Billericay v Clacton; Chelmsford A v Old Loughtonians.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Bruins v Fife Flyers (7.0); Nottingham Panthers v Murrayfield Racers (6.30); Peterborough Pirates v Tayside Tigers (5.45).

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Heaton Mersey v Sheffield University; Old Waconians v Stockport; Rochdale v Cheadle; Sale v Mellor; Sheffield v Old Hulmeians.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Conference A: Bath v Croydon: Hampstead v Chipstead.

HANDBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP (women): Wakefield Metros v Fram Reykjavik (Ice) (6.0).

BRITISH CUP (men): First round: EK '82 v Leicester '73 (2.0).

BRITISH LEAGUE (men): Great Dane v Olympia Cannock (3.0); Wakefield v Birkenhead (2.0).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE (8.0): Hemel Hempstead v Livingston; Leicester v Manchester; Solent v Crystal Palace.

NATIONAL TROPHY (men): Quarter-finals (8.0): Birmingham Bullets v Plymouth Raiders; Oxford park v Oldham Celtics; Worthing Bears v Corby Flyers.

NATIONAL CUP (women): Quarter-finals (6.0): Northampton v Kingston; Stockport v Kirklees.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division women: London YMCA v Sheffield (6.0).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division men: Bradford v Speedwell Rucanor (6.30); Capital City v WH White Poole (7.0); Malory CLC v Polonia (6.30); Staffordshire Moorlands v Hilton Leeds (7.30); Time Out Spark v Reebok Redwood Lodge (6.30). First division women: Brixton Knights v Birmingham AI (3.30).

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH CUP: Men: Third round: Bellshill Cardinals v Blantyre Trinity; Dundee Kirkton v Su Ragazzi; East Kilbride v Huntley Equipment Rental; Glasgow Gregg v Team Krystal Klear I; Kinleith Plant v Falkirk; Team Fife v Team Krystal Klear I; Team Novasport v Bon Accord; Team Scottish Farm v Edinburgh University. Women: Second round: Blantyre Trinity v Falkirk; Carluke Brannock v Kyle; Inverclyde v Wood Group Tullos; Pentland NUVOC v Glasgow Bannerman; Provincial Insurance v Strathkelvin; Team Krystal Klear I v Tay Pearls; Wheatsheaf Jets v Whitburn Centre.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH
Wales v Romania (Cardiff Arms Park, 2.15)

TOSHIBA DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
London v North (Imber Court, 2.15)
Midlands v South and South West (Nottingham, 2.15)

McEWAN'S INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
Edinburgh v Glasgow (Goldenacre, 2.0)
South v Anglo-Scots (Jedburgh, 2.0)

CLUB MATCHES
Abertillery v Cheltenham
Bedford v Harlequins
Bradford v Winnington Park (2.30)
Durham v Birkenhead Park (2.15)
Edinburgh Acad v L Scottish (2.0)
Exeter v St Ives (2.30)
Fylde v Hawick (2.15)
Glamorgan W v S Glamorgan Inst
Gloucester v Plymouth Albion
Harrogate v Rugby (2.0)
Leicester v Blackheath
Liverpool St H v Broughton Pk (2.30)
London Welsh v Cardiff (2.15)
Morley v Nuneaton (2.15)
Moseley v Bristol
Newport v Bath
Northampton v Aberavon
Northern v Orrell (2.15)
Otley v Jed-Forest (2.15)
Pontypool v Coventry
Preston G v Sheffield (2.30)
Richmond v Met Police (2.15)
Rosslyn Park v Exeter Univ (2.30)
Sale v W Hartlepool (2.45)
Saracens v Nottingham (2.15)
Stewart's M FP v Boroughmuir (2.0)
Torquay v Cross Keys (2.45)
Tredegar v Penarth
Vale of Lune v Birmingham (2.15)
Wakefield v Gosforth (2.30)
Wasps v Headingley
Waterloo v London Irish (2.15)

NATWEST COUNTY COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals (2.0): Kent v Somerset (Chatten Dene Barracks, nr Rochester); Yorkshire v Warwickshire (Selby).

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Seven Counties Merit Table: Maidstone v Upper Clapton. Bisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table: Abbey v Maidenhead; Basingstoke v Salisbury. Fullers Brewery Middlesex Merit Table: Osterley v Hampstead; British Car Auctions Old Boys Merit Table: Old Freemen's v Old Suttonians; Old Alleynians v Old Dunstonian: Old Surbitonians v Old Emanuel; KCS Old Boys v Old Whitgiftians; Old Haileyburians v Old Merchant Taylors.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Alcester v Sihillians; Aston OE v Redditch; Aylestone Athletic v Teesbrook; Aylestonians v Coventrians; Banbury v Wigston; Barker's Butts v Broad Street; Barton v Gainsborough; Bedworth v Keresley; Belper v Uttoxeter; Birmingham Civil Service v Pinley; Birmingham Welsh v Old Centrals; Boots v East Leake; Boston v Ashfield Swans; Bournville v Newport Salop; Bromsgrove v Westleigh; Camp Hill v Dudley Kingswinford; Chesterfield v Loughborough; Chipping Norton v Dunlop; Coalville v Syston; Corby v Northampton BBOB; Dixonians v Kenilworth; Droitwich v Bridgnorth; Dronfield v Old Ashbeians; Earlsdon v Market Bosworth; Erdington v Burntwood; Evesham v Cleve; Five Ways v Old Halesonians; GEC Coventry v Northampton Mens Own; Granville College v Meden Vale; Handsworth v Telford; Hinckley v Worcester; Ilkeston v Aylestone St James; Kettering v Bedford Athletic; Keyworth v Kesteven; Kibworth v Wellingborough OG; Kidderminster Carolians v Stratford; Lanchester Polytechnic v Leicester University; Long Lawton v Birchfield; Luctonians v Cinderford; Lutterworth v Wellingborough; Manchester v YMCA Glossop; Market Drayton v Ashbourne; Market Rasen v Scunthorpe; Moderns v Southwell; Newark v Thorne; Newcastle v Newport; Northampton Old Scouts v South Leicester; North Kesteven v Oakham; Nottingham University v Matlock; Oadby Wyggestonians v Nuneaton OE; Old Bosworthians v Manor Park; Old Leamingtonians v Burton; Old Mosseleians v Wednesbury; Old Newtonians v Belgrave; Old Northamptonians v Long Buckby; Old Wellingburians v Anstey; Old Wheatleyans v Trinity Guild; Oxford v Stourbridge; Old Yardleians v Old Saltleians; Paviors v Leamington; Pershore v Ledbury; Rubery Owen v Kynoch; Rugby Welsh v Coventry Welsh; Rushden and Higham v Old Laurentians; Sandbach v Old Longtonians; Sheffield Tigers v West Bridgford; Shipston v Harbury; Shrewsbury v Leek; Solihull v Newbold-on-Avon; Stafford v Winnington Park; Stocksbridge v Buxton; Tamworth v Kings Norton; Towcestrians v Olney; Trentham v Whitchurch; Upton-upon-Severn v Malvern; Warwick v Standard; West Leicester v Nottinghamians; Widnes v Walsall; Wolverhampton v Sutton Coldfield; Woodrush v Birmingham Medics.

NORTH: Club matches: Aspull v Blackburn; Baildon v Wheatley Hills; Barnsley v Old Otliensians; Beverley v Hemsworth; Bradford Salem v Bradford and Bingley Barbarians; Bramley v Ryton; Bridlington v Knottingley; Chester v Stoke; Chesterfield v Loughborough; Cleckheaton v Pocklington; Davenport v Aspatria; Doncaster v Rotherham; Furness v Tyldesley; Goole v Roundhegians; Grimsby v Dinnington; Halifax Vandals v Airebronians; Heath v Malton and Norton; Heaton Moor v Old Anselmians; Hessle v Old Hymerians; Hornsea v Ionians, Huddersfield v Roundhay; Hull and ER v Driffield; Hullensians v Marist; Ilkley v Yarnbury; Kendal v Wilmslow; Kersal v Warrington; Leeds Corinthians v Sheffield Tigers; Leodiensians v West Park Bramhope; Littleborough v Old Aldwinians; Manchester v Wrexham; Northallerton v Acklam; Old Brodleians v Ripon; Old Crossleyans v York; Oldham v Caldy; Old Modernians v Wakefield Wasps; Pontefract v Castleford; Redcar v Scarborough; Rodillians v Old Rishworthians; Rowntrees v Phoenix Park; Sheffield Oaks v Wath-on-Dearne; Stocksbridge v Yorkshire Main; Wensleydale v Danum Phoenix; West Leeds v Moortown; West Park v Middlesbrough; Wharfedale v Selby; Widnes v Walsall; Wigan v Lymm; Yorkshire CW v Morley Cavaliers.

Inter-Bank Cup: Barclays Bank v Midland Bank. Club matches: Bancroft v Bury St Edmunds; Barnstaple v Crediton; Beaconsfield v Kingsburians; Bec Old Boys v Uckfield; Blackheathans v Betteshanger; Bromley v University Vandals; Buckingham v Bletchley; Camberley v Brighton; Campion v Barking; Canterbury v Hastings; Canvey Island v Upminster; Charlton Park v Mitcham; Chelmsford v Cambridge; Chichester v Effingham; Chingford v Mill Hill; Chinnor v Old Abbotstonians; Diss v West Norfolk; Dorking v Old Guildfordians; Eastleigh v Marlow; East London v Colchester; Erith v Hackney; Esher v Havant; Eton Manor v North Walsham; Farnham v Windsor; Felixstowe v Broadland; Fullerians v Old Albanian; Gravesend v Gillingham Anchorians; Guildford and Godalming v Worthing; Harpenden v Bacavians; Harrow v Twickenham; Heathfield v Haywards Heath; Hemel Hempstead v Stevenage; Ilford Wanderers v Romford and Gidea Park; John Fisher Old Boys v East Grinstead; Leighton Buzzard v Ruislip; Letchworth v Barnet; Lewes v Bognor; Linton v Old Gravesendians; Lloyds Bank v Old Brockleians; London Hospital v Old Haberdashers; Medway v Old Beccehamians; New Ash Green v Thames Polytechnic; Old Ashmoleans v Datchworth; Old Blues v Old Reigatians; Old Cantabrigians v Biggleswade; Old Cooperians v Old Brentwoods; Old Cranleighans v Civil Service; Old Edwardians (Romford) v Redbridge; Old Juddians v Old Walcountians; Old Millhillians v Guy's Hospital; Old Reedonians v Old Johnians; Old Shootershillians v Old Westcliffians; Old Wimbledonians v HAC; Orleans FP v Antlers; Oxford Marathon v Bicester; Pinner and Grammarians v Chiltern; Portsmouth v Sudbury Court; Purley v Dartfordians; Reigate and Redhill v Pulborough; REME Arborfield v Grove; Saffron Walden v Stockwood Park; Sevenoaks v Crawley; Shene OG v Feltham; Sidcup v Old Gaytonians; Southend v Henley; Staines v West London Institute; Tabard v Harlow; Thanet Wanderers v Dover; Thurrock v High Wycombe; Tonbridge v Eastbourne; Tunbridge Wells v NatWest Bank; Wanstead v Finchley; Warlingham v Park House; Walwyn v Hertford; Wheatley v Drifters; Wimborne v Swanage and Wareham; Winchester v Reading; Woodbridge v Clacton; Woodford v Westcombe Park.

WEST: Courage clubs championship: Devon/Cornwall: Penryn v Paignton. Bristol and District Combination Cup: Third round: Bristol Harlequins v Kingswood; Clevedon v Avonmouth; Clifton Wanderers v Cotham Park; Dings Crusaders v Oldfield; Keynsham v Thornbury; North Bristol v Old Redcliffians; St Mary's Old Boys v Barton Hill; St Bernadette Old Boys v Telephones. Club matches: Barnstaple v Crediton; Bideford v Devon and Cornwall Police; Bristol United v Moseley United; Chew Valley v Stothert and Pitt; Chippenham v Cirencester; Clifton v Askeans; Hayle v Redruth; Ivybridge v Teignmouth; Launceston v Newquay Hornets; Minehead United v Cheddar; Okehampton v Wellington; Old Sulians v Avon; Penzance-Newlyn v Camborne; Sidmouth v Devonport Services; Truro v Falmouth; Wells v North Petherton; Wincombe v Burnham-on-Sea; Wiveliscombe v Barnstaple Athletic.

IRELAND: Ulster Senior League: First section: Ards v Malone; CIYMS v Bangor; NIFC v Instonians. Second section: Academy v Armagh; Collegians v Portadown; Queen's University v Dungannon. Senior Club: City of Derry v Ballyclare. Leinster: Senior League: Section A: Greystones v Bective Rangers; St Mary's College v Terenure College; Wanderers v Lansdowne. Section B: Blackrock College v Clontarf; Old Belvedere v DLSP. Senior Club: Dundalk v Skerries; Old Wesley v Ballymena.

NATWEST COUNTY COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals (2.0): Kent v Somerset (Chattenden Barracks, Hoo, near Rochester); Yorkshire v Warwickshire (Selby).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Halifax v Wigan; Leeds v Featherstone; Oldham v Warrington; Salford v Bradford; Wakefield v Hull KR (3.30). Second division: Dewsbury v Mansfield (2.30); Doncaster v Bramley; Fulham v Hunslet (2.15); Keighley v Sheffield (3.15); Leigh v Carlisle (3.30); Rochdale v Batley; Runcorn v Huddersfield; Swinton v Workington; Whitehaven v Barrow (3.30); York v Chorley (2.15).

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Semi-final: St Helens v Widnes (Wigan, 2.15).

RODSTOCK NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: Milford v Pilkington; Millom v Heworth; Wigan St Patricks v West Hull; Woolston v Egremont. League Cup: Preliminary round: Dudley Hill v Leigh Miners.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Commonwealth middleweight championship: Nigel Benn v David Noel (Crystal Palace).

CURLING: European championships (Perth).

FENCING: Men's team foil championship (de Beaumont centre, London).

MOTOR SPORT: British Rallycross Grand Prix practice (Brands Hatch).

SNOOKER: World Match Play championship (Brentwood).

SWIMMING: Europa Cup (Edinburgh).

TABLE TENNIS: Leeds national junior championship (Coventry).

TENNIS: World doubles championship (Albert Hall).

TOMORROW

FA Cup
Second round
Doncaster v Sheffield Utd (12.0)
Enfield v Cardiff (2.0)

Barclays League
First division
Liverpool v Everton (3.05)

RUGBY UNION

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CUP: First round: Buckingham v Chiltern; Drifters v Bletchley; High Wycombe v Beaconsfield; Milton Keynes v Aylesbury; Phoenix v Marlow; Pennanians v Chesham; University of Buckingham v Olney.

CLUB MATCHES: Khalsa v GEC Coventry; Old Sihillians v Olton and West Warwickshire; Old Wulfrunians v Bromsgrove; Stafford v Pickwick; Stone v Leek.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Halifax v Wigan; Leeds v Featherstone; Oldham v Warrington; Salford v Bradford; Wakefield v Hull KR (3.30). Second division: Dewsbury v Mansfield (2.30); Doncaster v Bramley; Fulham v Hunslet (2.15); Keighley v Sheffield (3.15); Leigh v Carlisle (3.30); Rochdale v Batley; Runcorn v Huddersfield; Swinton v Workington; Whitehaven v Barrow (3.30); York v Chorley (2.15).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Olympic City v Derby (4.0).

TABLE TENNIS

LEEDS BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Armada 400 (Plymouth) v Grove (Market Drayton); Butterfly Cardiff v Ashford (Middlesex); Chan Construction (Birmingham) v Bathwick Tyres (Bath); Bayer Bradford Unity v Ormesby (Cleveland).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division men: Staffordshire Moorlands v Speedwell Rucanor (2.30). First division women: Portsmouth Heatseal v Britannia (2.30); Southsea Scorpions v Ashcombe Syenco (11.30); Spark v MGI Wessex (1.30).

HOCKEY

NATIONWIDE ANGLIA CUP: Fifth round: Guildford v ISCA (Cranleigh School, 12.0); Havant v Richmond (Havant College, 1.30); Indian Gymkhana v Teddington (Feltham School, 2.0); Old Loughtonians v Bream (Chigwell, 1.30); Reading v Neston (Bradfield College, 2.0); Slough v Cambridge City (Brunel University, Uxbridge, 1.30); Tulse Hill v Bromley (Crystal Palace, 2.30); Hounslow v Wakefield (Feltham School, 12.30).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Durham Wasps v Fife Flyers (6.30); Solihull Barons v Murrayfield Racers (6.30); Streatham Redskins v Tayside Tigers (6.15); Whitley Warriors v Peterborough Pirates (6.30).

OTHER SPORT

CURLING: European championships (Perth).

FENCING: Men's team foil championship (de Beaumont centre, London).

MOTOR SPORT: British Rallycross Grand Prix (Brands Hatch).

TABLE TENNIS: Leeds national junior championship (Coventry).

TENNIS: World doubles championship (Albert Hall).

NATWEST TROPHY: Glasgow v Sunderland (4.0).

NATIONAL TROPHY (men): Quarter-final: Brixton Topcats v Manchester Blue J's (4.0).

NATIONAL CUP (women): Quarter-finals: Harlesden v London YMCA (4.0); Tyneside v Crystal Palace (2.0).

SPORT ON TV

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-5 p.m.: Football: Focus on the FA Cup second round. Racing: 12.45, 1.20, 1.55 and 3.0 races from Cheltenham. Skiing: Men's downhill championship from Val Gardena. Rugby League: John Player Special Trophy: Semi-final: Live coverage of St Helens v Widnes from Wigan. Swimming: Sun Life Europa Cup from Edinburgh. Final score: 4.40 p.m.

MATCH OF THE DAY: BBC1 10.15-11.15 p.m.: The Road to Wembley: Highlights from the second round of the FA Cup and the third round draw live from the Football Association.

RACING: C4 12.50-2.50 p.m.: 1.0, 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races from Doncaster.

SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 1.05-1.35 p.m. Results service: 4.45 p.m.

SNOOKER: ITV 2.15-4.15 p.m.: Everest World Match Play Championship: Coverage of the first session of the final from Brentwood (see also Sports Special).

SPORTS SPECIAL: ITV 10.05 p.m.-12 a.m.: Snooker: Everest World Match Play Championship: Coverage of the second session of the final from Brentwood. Football: Highlights of a first division match.

TENNIS: ITV 12.30-1 a.m. (tomorrow): Nabisco Masters doubles: Semi-final highlights from the Albert Hall.

Tomorrow

AMERICAN COLLEGE FOOTBALL: ITV 4-5 a.m. (Monday): Texas AM v Tescam.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: C4 5.45-7 p.m.: National Football League: Highlights of Washington Redskins v Philadelphia Eagles and New York Giants v Phoenix Cardinals.

CROSSING THE LINE: C4 11.45 p.m.-12.45 a.m.: Debate on worldwide use of drugs taken to succeed.

FOOTBALL: ITV 3-5.05 p.m.: The Match: Live coverage of Liverpool v Everton from Anfield.

RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 5-5.55 p.m.: Highlights of the Toshiba Divisional Championship: London v North from Imber Court and Midlands v South and South West from Nottingham and Wales v Romania from Cardiff.

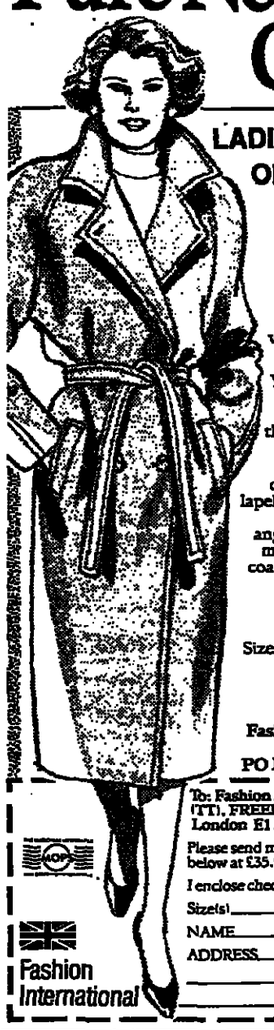
SKI SUNDAY: BBC2 5.55-6.35 p.m.: Highlights of the men's downhill from Val Gardena and women's downhill from Crans Montana.

TENNIS: ITV 11.30 p.m.-1 a.m.: Nabisco Masters doubles: Highlights of the final from the Albert Hall.

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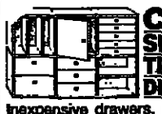
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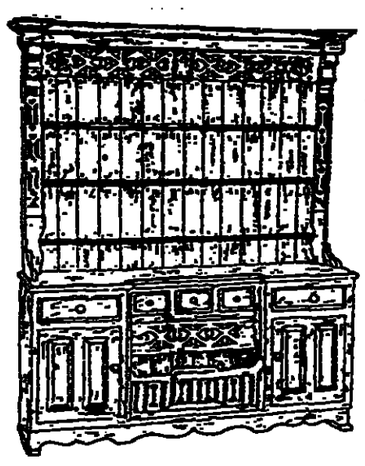
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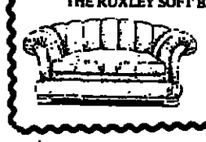
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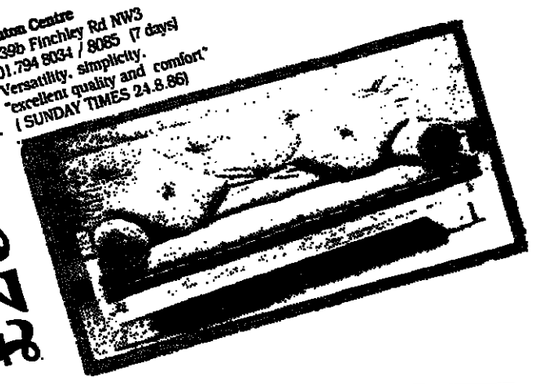
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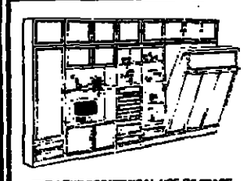
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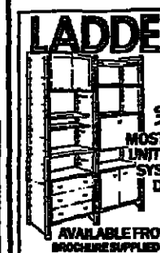
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OUTDOOR LEISURE

Cycling in northern France is a pleasure even in winter, says **Robin Neillands,** who advises on the equipment needed



PETER TRIEVNOR

Touring for pleasure and fitness: the key is to be prepared for breakdowns and all types of weather

The wheel thing

A few miles north of Agincourt it started to snow. Within half an hour we had turned into a pair of snowmen, cranking along in the blizzard, the road ahead just a black ribbon in the storm.

Fortunately, there are many compensations for bad weather on a winter cycle tour. Two hours later we were snug in the Logis hotel at Bayenghem, ears defrosted and dinner in prospect. After a day crossing Picardy in the depths of winter, we felt we had earned it.

In the summer, cycle touring is a joy. In winter, it requires a certain amount of preparation for rider and machine, not least in protecting the cycle against snow, grit and salt, which can play havoc with delicate gears.

The basic elements in a good touring bike are drop-handlebars, 10 or 12 gears, a long frame, mudguards and a pannier rack. An off-the-peg cycle with these attributes costs upwards of £200, while a specialized touring machine, from such long-established companies as Dawes, Falcon, Claude Butler or Holdsworth, will cost around £350.

A hand-built touring machine from that cycle-tourist's mecca, F. W. Evans of 77 The Cut, London SE1, can cost about £500 and will buy you the Rolls-Royce of cycles.

To protect the machine from winter weather, a good service is the first step; greasing all the cogs, bearings and cables. A mud-flap fitted to the front mudguard reduces the amount of salt spray reaching the chain-wheel and the cyclist's feet, and a rubberized padding will reduce the chill of the handlebars, although it does soak up rain.

All the touring kit and clothing can be carried in panniers and a handlebar bag, like those in the excellent Karrimor range, but it pays to line the panniers with a plastic sack, such as a bin-liner.

Visibility is the cycle tourist's biggest problem in dim winter days, so good lights and reflectors are essential. I prefer battery lights which stay on when the cycle is stationary. A good set of lights costs about £10 to £12 and you will need a spare set of batteries because cold quickly reduces battery power.

Wheel reflectors, set in the spokes, front and rear, are another good idea, while the wise rider will wear a reflective cross-belt and fit a mirror such as the Mirrycle. Since I cycle a lot in France, my Evans bike has two, to cater for riding on the right.

Protecting the machine's more delicate parts, the cogs, gears and cables, from wet grit and road salt, is vital. These parts should be kept lightly oiled or greased and washed down carefully after every trip with a paraffin or petrol-soaked paintbrush to rake out the grit and road salt.

Keeping warm, dry and visible is a cycling problem at any time. A brightly-coloured cycling suit of jersey top and long trousers is the first element, the winter top fitted with a windproof nylon facing. A winter-weight cycling suit can cost about £50. I use my lightweight summer suit, plus a couple of extra T-shirts or a spare sweater, or a set of thermal underwear.

A Caldo rainproof jacket and trousers costs about £100, a cycle cape — in bright colours — about £30. Rain-gear needs to be kept where you can get at it easily.

British cycle tourists are not yet given to wearing helmets, but a helmet is an excellent way of keeping the head warm and can provide useful protection in the event of a fall. A good helmet will cost from £30 to £60, a small price to pay for safety.

Winter touring is fun and can be an adventure

Other cycling extras are those required all year round; a set of tools and a good lock and chain.

Despite the extra preparation, winter cycle touring is great fun and can be a real adventure. Stages have to be shortened from a summer range of 50 to 60 miles a day to about 30 to 40 miles, which allows for poor weather.

I normally restrict my winter tours to weekend trips in the UK, or long weekends in France from one of the Channel ports, covering about 60 miles in a weekend, stopping overnight in pubs or small country hotels.

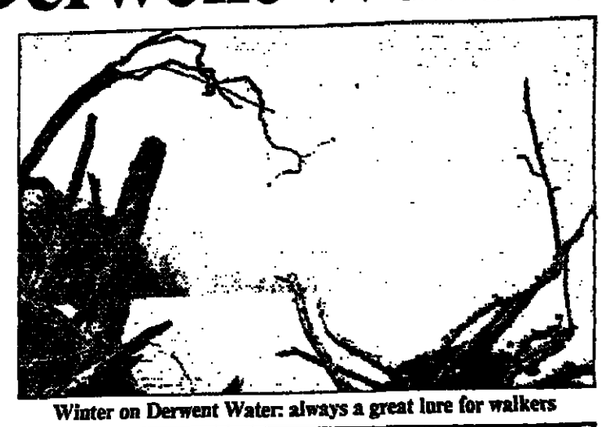
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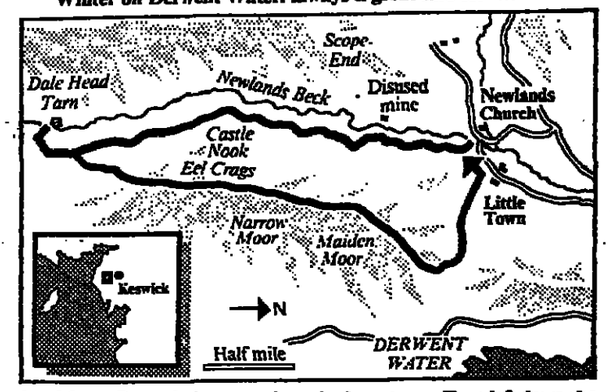
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Walk up, away from the bridge, to a stile on the right that gives access to the old mine road, running south. After walking around Castle Nook Crag, take the left fork across the *scree* slopes below the fearsome Eel Crags. The path rises steeply, wanders close to the fast-flowing little *beck*, zigzags, then continues to Dale Head. Step across the beck and walk to Dale Head Tarn, lying in a hollow, where the raucous barks croak of ravens echo from the slopes.

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Mary Welsh

White Christmas bets

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The bookmakers' conditions for bets on a white Christmas are precise: it is not good enough to have snow lying over much of the country; to win, a punter must successfully predict that snow will fall on London Weather Centre on Christmas Day, *writes W. J. Burroughs*. This requires a prediction of the actual weather situation on Christmas Day.

The question is: can any forecasting method predict the weather with such precision more than two weeks ahead?

Weather forecasting has made great progress. With modern computer speeds, improved measurements including data from satellites and better understanding of weather, it is now possible to make reasonably effective conditions predictions up to a week ahead.

The prospects for extending these forecasts further are not rosy, although still bigger and faster computers, with more accurate measurements of local atmospheric conditions, will help.

The fundamental obstacle to progress is the weather's inherent complexity. Any computer model must average the conditions over given volumes of the atmosphere. To forecast a week or so ahead, the most advanced global models handle the atmosphere in about 20 vertical slices and at points 100 kilometres apart. This simplification misses out many feature, such as violent thunderstorms which could grow to alter the wider picture. Even more powerful computers will only bring the spacial resolution down to 10 km, which still leaves a vast range of smaller atmospheric motions unresolved.

Theoretical analyses of the nature of atmosphere turbulence suggest that whatever the computer-technology advances, it will not be possible to predict the weather on a day-by-day basis for more than two weeks ahead.

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Contradictory counts in indictment

Regina v Bellman

Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Griffiths and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

[Speeches December 8]

Offences which were mutually contradictory might properly be joined as alternative counts in one indictment.

If at the end of the prosecution case the evidence established a prima facie case on each of the counts, both counts should be left to the jury to determine which, if either, count had been proven. The prosecution were not required during the trial to elect which count they wished to proceed on.

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the Crown from the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) ((1988) 86 Cr App R 40) who had allowed the appeal of the defendant, Andre Patrick Bellman, against his conviction on October 13, 1987 at the Central Criminal Court, before Judge Machin and a jury, of three offences of obtaining property by deception contrary to section 15(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

Mr Stephen Mitchell, QC and Mr David P. Fisher for the Crown; Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC and Miss Lesley Orme for Mr Bellman.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that at the request of the Crown the Court of Appeal certified the following point of law of general importance:

"Is it proper when an indictment contains mutually exclusive counts for both counts to be left to the jury for them to decide which, if either, count has been proven, or should the prosecution be obliged to elect during the course of the trial upon which count they wished to proceed?"

The expression "mutually exclusive" was used in the question to mean counts which were factually contradictory so that a conviction on one count necessarily involved an acquittal on the other count.

The broad outline of the prosecution case against the defendant was that he obtained sums of money from various people by false pretences, namely, that the money would be used to purchase drugs from the United States which would then be smuggled into the United Kingdom and sold at a vast profit.

The Crown's alternative case was that, if the defendant had not been deceiving those individuals and had in fact been intending to buy drugs in the United States, the defendant had conspired with others to evade the prohibition on the importation of controlled drugs.

The judge in his summing up pointed out to the jury that the conspiracy counts were alternatives to the counts of deception and he instructed them first, to consider the conspiracy counts and only if they acquitted on the conspiracy counts would it be necessary for them to consider the counts of deception. The jury acquitted the defendant on the conspiracy counts but convicted him on the counts of deception.

It was conceded before their Lordships that if the prosecution had elected to present the case solely as a conspiracy to import drugs, there was, by the end of the prosecution evidence, a prima facie case to be considered by the jury on that charge.

Equally, there was a prima facie case on the charges of deception upon which the jury convicted. It was submitted that because these two charges were mutually contradictory neither should have been left to the jury.

The defendant did not seek to support the Court of Appeal decision on the ground that the prosecution should have been put to their election at the end of their case, but on the more fundamental proposition that under the British adversarial procedure of trial in which the burden of establishing the guilt of the accused was placed on the prosecution, it could never be right for mutually contradictory counts to be contained in one indictment.

He submitted that to do so would be contrary to the prosecution's duty of proving the case, unfair to the accused and an embarrassment for the jury.

In his Lordship's view, it would only be comparatively rarely that the prosecution would wish to charge counts which were factually mutually contradictory.

There was no doubt that in certain circumstances justice required that an accused should face mutually contradictory counts. There were rare situations where it was clear that the accused had committed a crime but the state of the evidence was such that it was impossible to say which crime he had committed.

In such circumstances no prima facie case could be established to support either crime and neither crime could be left to the jury.

An accused was always entitled to have the counts in the indictment considered separately by the judge at the end of the prosecution's evidence and if there was insufficient evidence to provide a prima facie case on any count to have that count withdrawn from the jury.

That was the evidential difficulty that faced the prosecution in *Tsang Ping-nam v The Queen* ([1981] 1 WLR 1462) but it did not deal with the problem in a case such as the present where the evidence was sufficient to support a prima facie case on either of the two alternative hypotheses.

The defendant was not able to cite any authority in which joinder had been refused on the ground that the facts of the two counts were mutually destructive.

The Crown, on the other hand, were able to point to the long established practice of charging counts of larceny and receiving as alternatives and to the present practice since the passing of the Theft Act 1968 of charging robbery or theft and handling as alternatives in separate counts and the express approval of that practice by the Court of Appeal in *R v Shelton* ((1986) 83 Cr App R 379).

His Lordship could see no support in law for the submission that mutually contradictory counts could never be joined in one indictment. There was no overriding reason why justice required such a rule.

His Lordship would answer the certified question by saying that there was no rule of law that prevented the inclusion in one indictment of mutually excusive counts and that if, at the end of the prosecution case, the evidence established a prima facie case on both counts, the matter should be left to the jury to determine the question of guilt, and the prosecution should not be put to their election upon which count to proceed.

Lord Mackay, Lord Fraser, Lord Bridge and Lord Jauncey agreed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters; Offenbach & Co.

Landlord not liable to tenant's visitors

McNerny v Lambeth London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Taylor and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment November 29]

The rule in *Cavalier v Pope* ([1906] AC 428) whereby a landlord who let a house in a dangerous state was not liable to the tenant's customers or guests for accidents during the term of the tenancy was still good law despite the development of the law of negligence in *Donoghue v Stevenson* ([1932] AC 562) and suggestions and criticisms that *Cavalier v Pope* had been overtaken by that and other cases.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Kay Sandra McNerny against the dismissal on April 16, 1988 by Mr Recorder Wakefield at Wandsworth County Court of her claim for damages against her landlord, the London Borough of Lambeth, arising from condensation in the council flat she occupied with her family.

Mr Michael Kershaw, QC and Mr Richard Davison for the appellant; Mr Thayne Forbes, QC and Mr John Evan-Jones for Lambeth.

LORD DILLON said that the appellant became a tenant of a third-floor flat in November 1982. The flat, constructed in the late 1940s had solid walls and metal windows and was built according to the standard of the times.

The flat had been redecorated before the appellant moved in and it was not until about a year later that the trouble with condensation became apparent.

There had not been any deterioration of the premises but ways of living had changed and washing machines and tumbler dryers in addition to other factors, put moisture in the air.

The recorder had estimated general damages of £800 for ensuing colds and other ailments among the family and £100 for redecorations and other damage caused by the condensation but had held that there was no liability as he was bound by the rule in *Cavalier v Pope*.

The appeal had been pursued before their Lordships only on the basis of negligence in that the landlords were in breach of a duty of care.

There were qualifications to the rule in *Cavalier v Pope*. It did not apply to furnished lettings or where the landlord was the builder and had built negligently but the exceptions did not apply to the present case where, even if the landlord's predecessor had been responsible for building the block of flats in the first place, there was no evidence of negligence when they were built.

That left the local authority as bare landlords and in such a case the doctrine of *Cavalier v Pope* was binding. That had been decided by the Court of Appeal in *Rimmer v Liverpool City Council* ([1985] 1 QB 12) and that was the short answer to the appeal.

It had been submitted that local authority landlords should be excluded from the rule as immunity had never extended to lettings where the basis of the letting was that the tenant would go into immediate occupation and local authority lettings generally were, and this letting in particular was, on that basis.

His Lordship could see force in the argument that if a furnished house had to be fit for the purpose for which it was let, then a house or flat let unfurnished, albeit newly decorated, to a tenant expected to move in immediately, who might be leaving bad housing conditions, should be fit for the purposes for which it was let — but it was for Parliament and not the courts to introduce such changes. For the reasons which he had given his Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR, agreeing, said that the rule in *Cavalier v Pope* had applied for over 80 years without being overruled and that the court had no power to do so. If there was any anomaly it was desirable that reform should be undertaken only by Parliament.

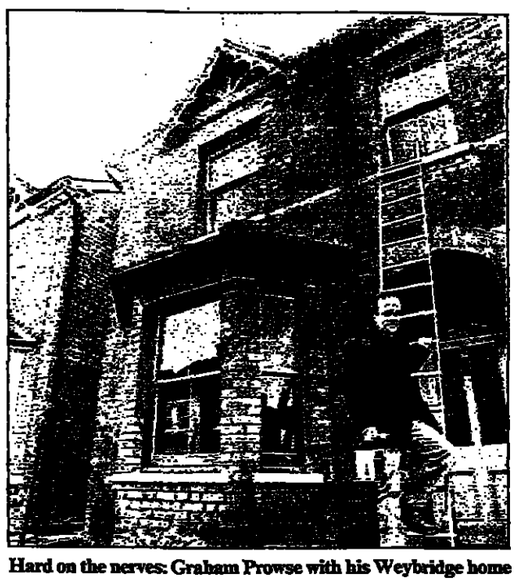
Sir John Megaw agreed.

Solicitors: Williams & Co, Sydenham; Mr A. J. George, Lambeth.

PROPERTY

At the drop of a gavel

Nicole Swengley discovers that it pays to do some homework before bidding for a property at auction



Hard on the nerves: Graham Prowse with his Weybridge home

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Satisfaction all round: Norman and Margaret Harding (left), with Rosemary and Tim Drohan and auctioneer Gordon Dunn outside the Marksbury farmhouse

The auctioneer calls out the price and looks round the room; the gavel falls; and you have made a binding contract to buy. There can be no backing out of the sale or putting back the completion date if the purchaser of your existing property delays or drops out. Buying a property like this can be nerve-wracking.

Auctioneers accept bids on the understanding that buyers have done their research. And if you have not already sold your existing property, or at least exchanged contracts, you could end up with an expensive bridging loan.

Miles Tuely, of Cluttons estate agents, says: "If you are seriously intending to bid, it's best to have a banker's draft or a letter guaranteeing that the bank will honour your cheque up to a certain amount."

To Victoria and John Lacey, their bank's role was crucial. The first auction property they tried to buy — a vicarage near Falmouth — had a reserve price of £65,000. "We approached Lloyds Bank for a bridging loan but the manager immediately turned us down," Victoria says. The Laceys organized a private loan from friends and family, but were finally outbid at auction. The vicarage was knocked down for £88,000.

A few months later, they approached the bank again. Although their financial position was unchanged, they were told that a bridging loan would be no problem. This time, the bid for a five-bedroom Victorian farmhouse, with a derelict barn and milking parlour in nine acres, was successful, and they paid £115,000 for the property. The completion period was three months. They put their London home up for sale immediately and had a prospective buyer within a matter of days.

But a few weeks later the buyer dropped out, as did the next one. In the meantime, completion on their Cornwall home took place and the Laceys had to use the bank's bridging loan to pay for it. It took nine months to sell their London home and all the potential profit was gobbled up by interest charges on the bridging loan.

There are advantages, however, in buying at auction. David Robinson, vice-chairman of the general practice division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, says: "It cuts out the possibility of gazumping and it's quicker, since purchasers are normally required to complete within 28 days. But it's a bit of a drawback having to put down a deposit of 10 per cent once the bid is accepted.

"And even though you may not be successful in your bid, it's still wise to arrange — and pay for — a structural survey before attending the auction."

An auctioned property often appeals to cash purchasers, though it is likely to sell at a higher price than by private treaty. But vendors can sell privately beforehand — even when they have agreed to sell at auction — if the right offer comes along. Sales by auction can cost the same as selling by private treaty, although sometimes there are extra costs — for example, if the auctioneer sells in a local hotel or restaurant.

Beating other buyers can be exhilarating, as Vivien and John Lee discovered when they bought a barn at Compton Dando, near Bath. "It took us a fortnight to get off our high," Vivien says. "The guide price was £80,000-£90,000 and there were lots of bidders up to £100,000. Finally we got it for £136,000.

"We decided to go for it only five days before the auction so there wasn't time to arrange a survey, although our solicitor thought it was a good risk. We hadn't even got a buyer for our property.

"We had originally set ourselves a limit of £125,000, but were determined to get it, even though we knew we would virtually have to rebuild it."

John Paget, the vendor, says: "We really had no idea about the barn's market value because there was nothing with which to compare it. That was the main reason we sold at auction."

A heated atmosphere at auction can take the price beyond its market value, as Graham Prowse found when he bought a run-down Victorian property in Weybridge. "I think I paid about 10 per cent more than if I had bought it on the open market," he says. "The guide price of £60,000-£65,000 was unrealistically low and competition between bidders bumped it up within seconds. I'd set myself a limit of £85,000 but eventually got it for £93,000. I think I would hesitate about buying at auction again." He has had to spend a further £15,000 on refurbishment.

'It took us a fortnight to get off our high'

Norman and Margaret Harding had already paid a deposit on a newly built house before selling their existing property, a mid-17th century farmhouse in Marksbury, Avon. "We wanted to be sure the farmhouse would sell quickly and were aware that you can get a bit more at auction," Norman says. "It is a bit of a risk, but you have the reserve price to protect you. If it doesn't reach the reserve, then you don't sell at all."

A good relationship with their bank manager meant that Tim and Rosemary Drohan were able to buy the Hardings' farmhouse, though they eventually spent about £30,000 more than they intended.

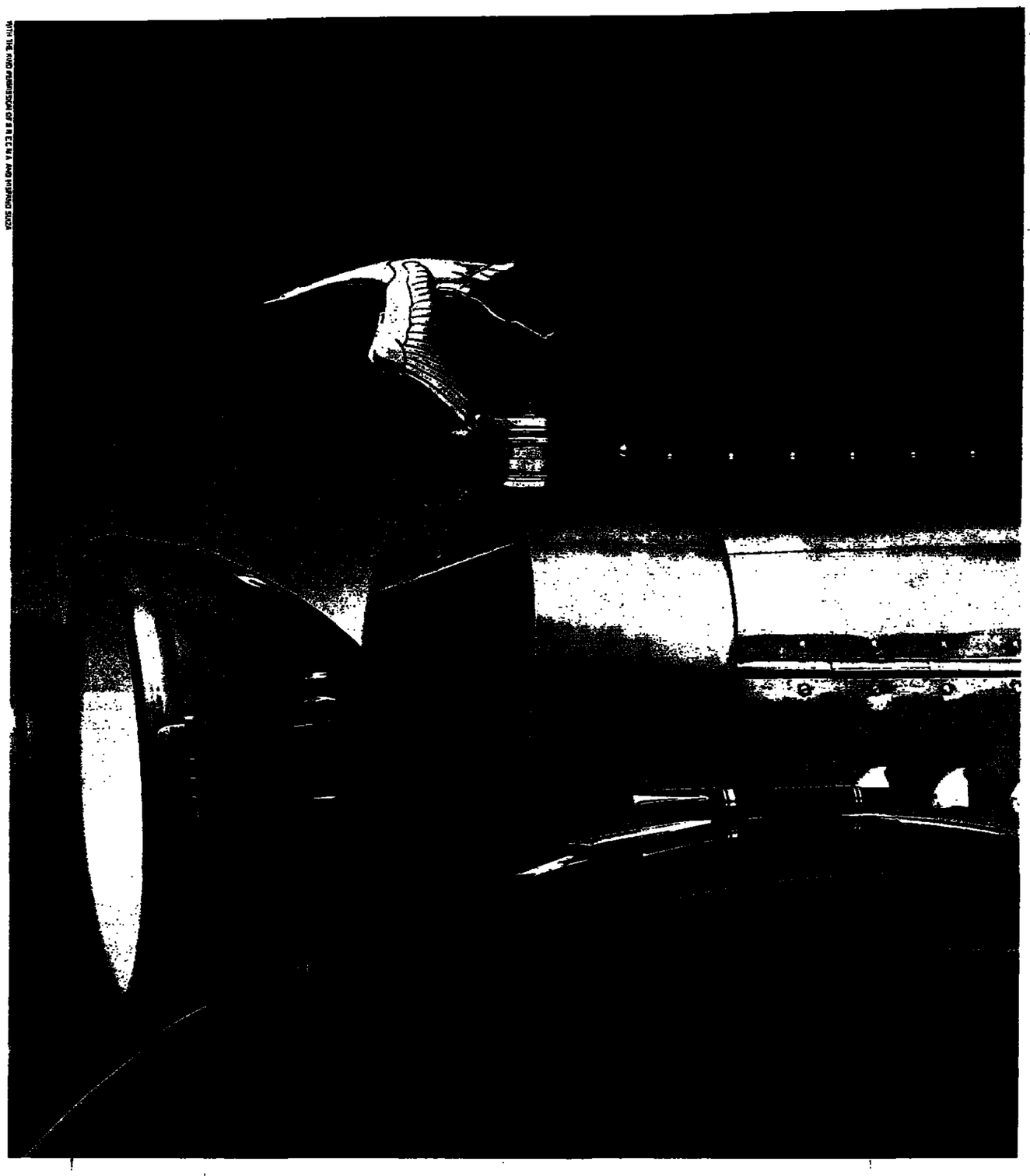
The Drohans had done their groundwork thoroughly, with survey and search completed before the auction. They were able to complete on their sale and purchase within four weeks, and to move into their new home a month after the auction.



Thrill of success: Vivien and John Lee found the excitement of bidding for the barn at Compton Dando was worth the risk



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